

**Richard Lichten**  
**Lieutenant (Retired)**  
**Curriculum Vitae**  
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About Lieutenant Richard Lichten (Retired),

**Specializing In:**

- Observation of all police use of force on street patrol and within correctional facilities
- Policies and procedures pertaining to vehicle and foot pursuits
- Analyzing officer involved shootings
- Responding to high – risk incidents and inmate riots/uprisings
- Ensuring the safe admittance and removal of numerous violent and dangerous inmates
- Emergency/Safety Preparedness
- Criminal Law/California State Law
- Narcotics Investigation
- Legal Consultation for Attorneys, Law Enforcement Personnel, and media

Mr. Lichten has amassed over thirty years of experience within the law enforcement ranks throughout Los Angeles County. During this time, he has served within the capacity of lieutenant for various stations throughout the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, in addition to having served within the same capacity at many of the correctional facilities throughout Los Angeles County. Aside from his lieutenant capacities, Mr. Lichten has also served in the role of Sergeant, (having supervised over 200 deputies per shift) Narcotics Investigator, Detective, Patrol Deputy, and Training Officer.

In addition to Mr. Lichten's overall law enforcement service background, Mr. Lichten is also extremely familiar with the administrative, along with tactical and procedure portion of law enforcement. He has trained sheriff deputies in the proper handling of various public interactions such as: high – risk field incidents, proper patrol procedures, emergency skills preparedness and training, officer safety, incident report writing, along with ensuring the thorough review of California state law.

In addition, Mr. Lichten has also provided training for many high – ranking personnel throughout the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department in areas such as: leadership

skills, supervision skills, and the tactical command science of handling various tense situations.

In terms of law advocacy, Mr. Lichten has conducted over 1,800 uses of force investigations concerning sheriff deputies, over 1,000 various complaints from other deputy personnel, private citizens, along with inmates, concerning allegations of deputy misconduct. Moreover, through service as a command officer for various divisions of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Mr. Lichten ensured that all staff followed proper protocol and procedure concerning high – risk vehicle pursuits, quelling over 100 major inmate disturbances/riots within large correctional facilities, along with the thorough management of various high – risk incidents. Private organizations have capitalized upon Mr. Lichten's experience within the emergency and security preparedness sector, by having Mr. Lichten conduct numerous emergency and safety planning seminars, security and threat assessments, as well as terrorist threat awareness. Mr. Lichten has lectured to the American Jail Association annual meeting about the proper handling of jail riots. The lectures were held in Utah and Tennessee.

Mr. Lichten is more than willing to offer his service and expertise to law firms in need of assistance and consultation, concerning law enforcement misconduct, police tactics and procedures concerning various situations, in particular officer involved use of force and shooting cases. Mr. Lichten has already provided legal consultation services to various law firms such as: TASA Group, (Technical Advisory Service for Attorneys) Rominger Legal, and the Forensis Group. For more information concerning specific legal assistance and consultation, please refer to the list below.

Furthermore, Mr. Lichten also provides consultation services for media entities in need of additional information or perspective concerning law enforcement policies and procedures, in addition to various other aspects of law enforcement.

In April 2009, the Washington Post consulted with Mr. Lichten in an effort to conduct their investigate report concerning security concerns at the Prince George County Correctional Center.

In May 2009, Mr. Lichten consulted with the staff of Dr. Prison ([www.drprison.com](http://www.drprison.com)) in the pilot T.V. show to be aired later in 2009. The show is about teaching persons how to survive in jail and prison.

Additional media productions concerning Mr. Lichten's work and expertise within the law enforcement ranks, are currently underway, including an appearance on KTLA 5 news about police narcotic sting operations.

Should you or your organization have any needs pertaining to law enforcement training, emergency preparedness training, or legal consultation concerning law enforcement personnel, please contact Mr. Lichten at your earliest convenience. Let Mr. Lichten and his vast array of expertise within the law enforcement and emergency service sectors show you why there is no substitute for experience when it comes to you and the law.

**Attorney Consultation Services**

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- Case Review and specific consultation concerning law enforcement policies and procedures for Attorneys.
- Upon review of case, will determine if officer's actions followed standard procedures of particular law enforcement agency.
- Aside from specific police officer, will determine if law enforcement agency actions concerning policy and procedures follow in accordance with generally accepted law enforcement practices.

**Law Enforcement Legal Advocacy**

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- Provides legal consultation and other advice for officers, including review of specific law enforcement policies and procedures concerning various public interactions.
- As needed, will provide officers with various forms of additional assistance in preparation of court proceedings.

**Professional Work Experience/History**

**Professional Work Experience**

**Lieutenant**

Los Angeles County Sheriff, North County Correctional Facility  
Castaic, California – November 2001 to February 2008

Los Angeles County Sheriff, Lancaster Station  
Lancaster, California – August 1997 to November 2001

Los Angeles County Sheriff, North Facility  
Castaic, California – March 1996 to July 1997

**Sergeant**

Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff Station  
Santa Clarita, California – March 1992 to March 1996  
North County Correctional Facility  
Santa Clarita, California – July 1989 to March 1992

**Narcotics Investigator**

Los Angeles County Sheriff Detective Division  
Los Angeles, California – November 1986 to June 1989

**Detective**

Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff Station  
Santa Clarita, California – January 1986 to November 1986

**Patrol Deputy**  
**Training Officer**

- Los Angeles County Sheriff Academy
- Los Angeles Men's Central Jail
- Carson Sheriff Station
- West Hollywood Station
- Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff Station

Los Angeles County, California – February 1978 to December 1985

**California Post Commission Certificates**

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**Certifications Received**

**Peace Officer**

- Basic Certificate
- Basic – Specialized Certificate
- Intermediate and Advanced Certificates
- Specialized Training Certificates

**Sergeant**

- Supervisory Peace Officer Certificate

**Lieutenant**

- Middle Management Certificate

**Emergency Preparedness Consulting (Private Sector)**

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**Emergency Planning Specialist**

- In 2007, Mr. Lichten joined Enviroservices Incorporated, a leading environmental, health, and safety consultation company, in an effort to pass on essential safety preparedness and emergency prevention tips, gained from over thirty years of experience within the law enforcement and emergency/rescue sectors.

**Department of Homeland Security Vulnerability Assessment/Site Security Plans**

- At the request of various private individuals and organizations, Mr. Lichten will conduct various assessments designed to gauge overall effectiveness of current security measures, while also suggesting various adjustments/improvements which are aimed to reduce or eliminate security breaches.

**Earthquake Preparedness**

- In an effort to better educate business professionals and other private individuals about earthquake/disaster planning, conducts various meeting/seminars, which are designed to ensure complete knowledge of proper safety techniques in regards to earthquakes or other natural disasters, while also providing additional rescue and security tips.
- Mr. Lichten attended the one week long Earthquake response program California Specialized Training Institute at San Luis Obispo, CA, in 2003,

**Disaster Response Cadre**

- Serves as a team member for Dewberry, (Virginia) a national known disaster response, mitigation, and engineering company. Provides various safety preparedness seminars which are designed to educate various private citizens and organizations.

**Education**

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College of the Canyons  
Santa Clarita, California – 2004

**Courses of Study: Administration of Justice**  
**Degrees/Certifications Received: AS Degree (Associates Degree)**

**Education Continued**

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Los Angeles County Paramedic  
Los Angeles County, California – 1976 to 1978

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***Media Articles, Publications, and Public Speaking***

***Public Speaking***

In October, 2009, Mr. Lichten spoke before the Riverside, California, Public Defender's Office Investigator's Training meeting on jail use of force issues.

In October, 2009, Mr. Lichten spoke before the annual meeting of the Defense Investigator's Association in San Diego, California, on use of force issues.

***“10 – 33 Steroids”***

California Narcotics Officers Association

Article detailed the illicit use and distribution of steroids amongst police officers. Aside from California Narcotics Officer's Association publication, article was also featured nationwide in another narcotics association newsletter in 1993.

***“How to Survive a Hostile Work Environment Investigation”***

Los Angeles County Professional Peace Officers Association

Article provides specific strategies pertaining to the handling of hostile work environments, how to go about remedying the situation, and the specific role of law enforcement in regards to rectifying the situation.

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***Media Publication Consultation***

The Washington Post  
Washington, D.C. (April 2009)

Representatives from the Washington Post consulted with Mr. Lichten, in large part due to his vast experience concerning law enforcement, in particular law enforcement procedures within correctional facilities, to add additional insight and expertise to their investigational report concerning security issues and concerns at the Prince George County Correctional Center. (Upper Marlboro, Maryland)

Dr. Prison  
San Diego, CA (May 2009)

Due to Mr. Lichten's years of experience as a watch commander in large, violent jails, he was asked to join the staff of Dr. Prison ([www.drprison.org](http://www.drprison.org)), which is a non-profit organization dedicated to counseling its clients how to survive in prison. In addition to Dr. Prison's counseling services, Mr. Lichten's experience was sought out for film projects, as well as news media interviews on behalf of Dr. Prison.

Additional media productions concerning Mr. Lichten's work and expertise within the law enforcement ranks, are currently underway. Mr. Lichten is now listed as a jail riot expert and other prison issues for CNN.

In September 2009, Mr. Lichten was interviewed at length about jail and prison issues on the Mindset talk show hosted by John and Trish on radio station [KTRS](#).

In September 2009, Mr. Lichten was interviewed on a New Zealand radio station about violence in American jails and prisons.

In October 2009, Mr. Lichten appeared on the Los Angeles based KTLA 5 news program to explain about police narcotic stings.

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#### ***Public Agency Consultation***

The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, Custody Training Division, asked for and received Mr. Lichten's consultation on the content of their new jail training manual for civilian staff workers.

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#### ***Legal Consultation***

A complete list of Mr. Lichten's prior consultation cases can be found on the "Prior cases" page of his web site.

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#### ***Awards and Honorable Mention***

##### ***Outstanding Service to the Community***

Santa Clarita, California – 1993

**Award Synopsis:** Mr. Lichten was recognized by the City of Santa Clarita for his courageous and outstanding performance during a shootout with a sniper in a residential area.

Santa Clarita, California – 1994

**Award Synopsis:** Mr. Lichten was recognized by the City of Santa Clarita for overall response and service to various emergencies throughout Santa Clarita during the 1994 Northridge earthquake.

**Meritorious Service Award**

Santa Clarita, California – 1994

**Award Synopsis:** Mr. Lichten was recognized by then – Sheriff Sherman Block for his dedicated service in teaching emergency preparedness procedures and protocol.

**Sheriff's Commendation**

**Award Synopsis:** Mr. Lichten was recognized for his actions and efforts, which helped to quell a massive inmate riot, involved over 2,000 inmates at the North County Correctional Facility. (Castaic, California)

**Sheriff's Commendation and Fire Department Commendation**

**Award Synopsis:** Mr. Lichten received commendations from the Los Angeles County Sheriffs and Fire Departments for overall service as head of command post operations during the massive 2007 Los Angeles wildfires.

**Important Note:** Aside from honors listed above, Mr. Lichten has received more than 100 additional formal and/or written commendations in recognition of his law enforcement and emergency/rescue service to the community.

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**Law Enforcement Professional Affiliations**

**Professional Peace Officer's Association (PPOA)**

**Association of Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff's (ALADS)**

**International Police Association (IPA)**

**National Officer's Tactical Association**

**TRAINING RECEIVED**

(Some training was assigned many times over 30 years. This list is in no particular order)		
academy - basic	earthquake preparedness	clandestine labs
combat firearms	combat trap	falling plate course
handgun assault	firearms, advanced combat	target ID
sergeant supervisor school	career integrity workshop	sergeant training

missing persons	laser firearms	team building
field operations - sergeant	arwen training	MDT filed operations
first aid	AR-15	sudden infant death syndrome
disabled/mentally ill	haz-mat scene management	legal update
emergency operations center	computer hands on	WordPerfect
baton	earthquake CSTI	laser firearms
word processing	fraud cell phone	use of force
first aid	sex harassment	force issues
CPR	middle management school	WordPerfect 2
cultural awareness	force issues	holster transition
holster transition 2	cultural diversity	jail management
COPS supervisor 1	COPS supervisor 2	platoon commander
officer update	off duty firearms1	off duty firearms 2
terrorism CSTI	field operations - lieutenant	WMD operations
deputy leadership class	respect based leadership	area command team 1
incident command system	personnel performance index	sex harassment for supervisors
American Jail conference - lecture on jail riots (Utah)	deputy leadership class	American Jail conference - lecture on jail riots (Tenn)
NIMS emergency training	pursuit policy	combat trap
falling plates	handgun assault	modified PPC
target ID	Benneli shotgun	beretta training
combat shooting	combat trap	falling plate
handgun assault	modified PPC	target ID
combat trap	handgun/shotgun assault	modified PPC
jam clearing	pepper spray	sting ball
stinger 12	combat trap	handgun/shotgun assault
modified PPC	jam clearing	AR-15
AR-15 qualify	combat trap	handgun/shotgun assault
modified PPC	jam clearing	threat assessment - night

combat shotgun	combat trap	handgun assault
night shoot	target ID	jam clearing
handgun fundamentals	flashlight techniques	off duty weapons
off duty weapons	laser sighting	off duty weapons
40 hour jail operations	jail fire safety	fire/smoke situations
POST sergeants supervisory	CPR	risk assessment
case analysis #1	case analysis #2	emergency mobilization
command school	command school	command post operations
emergency resources	emergency preparedness	SWAT issues
crisis negotiation	tactics	transitional command
incident prevention	how to debrief	command issues
team building	ethics	first aid
emergency procedures	special weapons #1	special weapons #2
jail security	critical incident command	POST middle management
cultural awareness	use of force issues	hostage issues
special weapons/tactics	command workshop	jail manager seminar
respect based leadership/Lt.	Jail intelligence	racial profiling
CPR	firearms special shoot	respiratory protection
firearms continuing education	escape review	executive command school #1
executive command school #2	firearms issues	first aid
respect based leadership-cont	firearms	hostage takeover
off duty issues	emergency operations center	force police
suicide intervention	firearms shoot	deputy leadership school
fire life safety	incident management system	report writing
escape review	Tactical Science Course	squad tactics
hostage issues	gang overview	disaster preparedness
risk management issues	hostage issues	emergency operations center
national incident command #100	national incident command #200	national incident command #300

national incident command #400	national incident command #700	national incident command #800
executive protection basics	POST ethics trainer class	POST time management trainer class

**Other specialty officer safety training.**

- Mr. Lichten twice attended the one week long Specialized Officer Safety Training Program at the California Specialized Training Institute at San Luis Obispo, CA, in 1979 and in 1982.