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To: All Law Enforcement Agencies

From: Capt. Ray Grow, Jr.  
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Subj: Hans Marrero,  
Close Combat Instructor Trainer



I would like to take a moment to express our extreme appreciation with the Close Quarter Combat Instructor Program brought to us by Mr. Hans Marrero. In the month of 2000 this agency was fortunate enough to have Mr. Marrero instruct and certify all of our deputies, seven of our training officers, in his Close Quarter Combat system.

Over the past year, thousands of men and women have graduated over 350 law enforcement officers in this Parish. As the commander of the Training Division with over two decades of training law enforcement officers, I can tell you that we have never received such an enthusiastic response from our Deputies in the field. We received feedback from our Deputies that was quite clear, they were glad to have a system that they could use in real situations.

In response to our Deputy's demand for more training, I just recently had Mr. Marrero come down and upgrade the system. He is now in the system, and I am already making plans for the following year.

I am enclosing some excerpts from the feedback submitted by our deputies. I hope that you will find them informative.

I would also make you this promise, if you allow your personnel to train with Mr. Marrero; you, your agency, and the people you serve can only benefit.

If you have any questions, or if I may be of assistance, do not hesitate to call

*Capt. Ray Grow, Jr.*  
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