

June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> the Seacoast Emergency response Team attended a New England Negotiation Competition.

Deputy Scott Blaisdell is the Team Leader for the SERT negotiations team.

Anna Maria College and the Worcester Police department sponsored the training, which was coordinated and led by Crisis Systems Management LLC.

The two-day competition and training comprised approximately 95 participants from Boston PD, Worcester PD, Pawtucket PD, Massachusetts Department of Corrections, SERT, and Worcester County Sheriff's Office. Federal agents from Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire attended.

The training sets up challenges bringing together law enforcement who are given realistic scenarios where they must work a team to negotiate and bring the case to a peaceful resolution.

The competition is simply a training opportunity for participants to learn from. Said Dr John Colautti Director of Criminal Justice at Anna Maria. The value for teams to experience problem-solving approached in unique ways. Competition scenarios were designed and facilitated by nationally recognized trainers to maximize the participants benefit.

1<sup>st</sup> Place Seacoast Emergency response Team.

2<sup>nd</sup> Boston PD team -1

3<sup>rd</sup> MA Department of Corrections

Practice and learning are not confined to students in a classroom but involve working with community partners to advance public safety and professional development.