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Yes I have been trying for years to increase training.

One person I spoke with said that he was once confronted by a young security officer who struck him with a night stick and was concerned that this training would put night sticks in the hands of irresponsible officers.

The night sticks and batons already have been legal and continue to be legal without training. Look at the statutes. All I'm asking is that training be required for something that is already legal. Most states are way ahead of us. The problem now is that security is viewed by most as unprofessional and a needed evil. Connecticut is one of the worst states for lack of training. If we are an untrained labor force of course we get minimum wage.

We in the industry need to change that view. It will also translate to better pay for those that remain. Of course some will drop out of the industry. Most being the unprofessional ones. But that translates in less available pool of trained officers and we can ask for higher pay. If companies choose not to they can't fill positions. It is a matter of supply and demand. Do you realize that there are over 50,000 card holders but only about 12,000 security officers working for companies? That means you are just a body. If those that can't afford to train or choose not to become professional drop out the amount of guard card holders jump off and it's better for you. See the reasoning?

I have 18 card cards from 18 states. I use to work for a National company. The training in most of those states is significantly and so is the pay. In VA for instance training is 60 hours and the security officers are highly regulated. But because of that they can make arrest and do warrants for incidents happening on private property. Do you think they make more money? Of course. It started with training.

Let me also address the instructors. There will be adjustments to be made and some instructors, mostly those one man operations, who use to do several unarmed classes a week will now only be able to do one class. But that can be overcome by consolidating instructors into larger schools that could offer the more advance training this law would require. No longer just PowerPoint, in your basement operations, but real training, training worthy of praise and held up to example.

The new training requirements that will now be required will move the security industry into the 21st century, a century with many challenges, challenges that also face our law enforcement brothers and sisters. Everything from Terrorism as recently has shown in the form of threats to our malls. Active shooters, were last year in a Colorado just 15 miles from Columbine High school where an unarmed security officer and an armed SRO confronted a shooter and ended the shooting in 80 seconds or the 1st person killed on September 16, 2013 at the Navy yard shooting was a security officer and my friend Richard "Mike" Ridgell or the 86,000 assaults and more than 100 on duty deaths of private security officers (2012 stats - Private Officer International).

There is also a need for more oversight as well from the State Police and training for Local Police. This would be very helpful in the area of Bouncers where the lack of oversight allows unlicensed Bouncers to work without any training as required by law. This would continue even with the new standards without some type of oversight.