

Preventing Trayvon Martin-type

Incidents

Introduction. In light of 17-year old Trayvon Martin's death due to homicide and the subsequent trial and acquittal of his killer, George Zimmerman, Penal Reform Now and Wesley Community Center will host three meetings designed to prevent conflict and death of adolescent and young adult persons, especially Black males. Each meeting is free and open to the public. Details about each meeting follow.

How to Avoid Potentially Life-Threatening Conflicts

Description. This interactive session deals specifically with identifying conflict and developing the ability to deescalate it before transitioning into a physical altercation. The focus deals with developing emotional intelligence and learning to control impulsive instincts in actual or potential conflictive situations. It also focuses largely on the power of perception and decision-making and the consequences for those decisions.

Day/Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2013

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Facilitator: Chad Sloss, M.A., Alternative Dimensions Dispute Resolutions LLC

Need to Know Information about Self-Defense Laws and Carrying Weapons

Description. This session will examine self-defense laws in general and Ohio self-defense laws in particular, including concealed weapons laws. There will be a question and answer period.

Day/Date: Thursday, August 29, 2013

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Facilitator: Robert Gresham, Esq.,

Self-Defense Techniques against Armed Aggressors

Description. This hands-on session will teach participants how to protect themselves against death and serious bodily injury in the event of an armed attack. Please wear loose clothing, gym shoes, and be prepared for physical activity. Participants must be 11 years old or older. Additionally, participants or their legal representatives must sign liability waivers before participating in this event.

Day/Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2013

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Facilitator: Master Mark Hill and Master Marlon Weaver, Hill's Martial Arts Academy

Location: Wesley Community Center, Inc.
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