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This article is a poor attempt, I'm sure, to explain the importance and significance of the United States National Standards in Training Association. (USNSTA) An organization whose sole purpose for existence is saving lives.... Lives of police officers primarily... those who already risk their lives for next to nothing other than the satisfaction of knowing that those who don't care about society get put away, and those that do can go about their business in peace.

Not only police officers benefit from this philosophy however, but also those who end up on the wrong side of the law benefit as well. The USNSTA is interested in and dedicated to standardized law enforcement training for police all over the country. By having the very best law enforcement instructors as members and as trainers, the USNSTA goes a long way to that ultimate of goals. If police are trained with only the safest, and best tactics covering all levels in the "Force Continuum", then average citizens, and others who may encounter the police in less pleasant circumstances, are obvious beneficiaries as well.

I share the vision of USNSTA and Controlled Force founders Tony and Diana Grano and Donni Roberts, as well as a host of other premier trainers from around the country. This vision is to have an organization that will help to ensure excellence in training to all levels of law enforcement through quality based, standardized training services and education based upon the highest ethical, professional, and legal standards. We hope to ensure that not only are police officers better trained to defend themselves, but also, because of this training, they are better able to assist each other no matter where they are in the country.

Finally, and most importantly, well-trained police stay alive. In doing so, they continue to come home to, and take care of, their own families who need them, not to mention continuing to protect and serve their public. We will all be better off because of the work and vision of the USNSTA.