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At the Delaware Safety Council, we are constantly evaluating the safety and wellness needs of Delawareans, up and down the state, from every walk of life. After speaking with countless members of our community, we have collaborated with a highly decorated veteran of the Delaware State Police to develop a Personal Safety and Self Defense Awareness Course.

Willie E. Smith spent over twenty years with the Delaware State Police, and has since his retirement, worked as a safety consultant for various domestic and international police forces. During his time with the Delaware State Police, Smith has trained police officers in various defense tactics such as handcuffing, self-defense, TASER instruction, and the use of non-lethal devices. His leadership and dedication to public safety earned him the Naamans Rotary Club's Semi-Annual Trooper of the Year award, the Delaware Jefferson Award for Public Service, and a Delaware State Police Superintendent Citation for exceptional performance.

In addition to his experience, Mr. Smith received a Master's Degree in Organizational and Strategic Leadership and has spent the last 30 years teaching Tae Kwon Do and Karate. Due to his years of experience teaching and creating specialized courses both as a civic leader and adjunct professor at Springfield College, Smith and the DSC have created a course that can be useful to everyone from college students to senior citizens.

This course helps students improve their personal safety and security awareness while also teaching them how to recognize a potentially unsafe environment or situation. They are taught how to react, avoid unsafe possibilities, and survive any hazardous incidents. Topics will also include, home security and safety, and scam awareness and security.

On site classes and presentations are provided by request and can be catered to any audience. For more information about this course contact Training Manager Jamie Brown at [JamieB@delawaresafety.org](mailto:JamieB@delawaresafety.org). For other media inquiries or questions about becoming a member, contact our Communications Manager Devin Bonner at [DevinB@Delawaresafety.org](mailto:DevinB@Delawaresafety.org). The Delaware Safety Council can also be reached at 302-276-0660.

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