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The new Police Commissioner **Luis Carrilho** takes office



After a rigorous selection process first organized in June 2012 by the Police academy to recruit a total of 150 candidates, 40 candidates have passed on to the BIS unit. During the last two weeks of November, UNPOL trainers selected 21 of these new recruits aiming to improve their effectiveness by putting them through a training technique called Staging and Monitoring.



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and Monitoring in open conditions, with sessions designed to mimic reality. Courses focused on staging techniques by foot and car, in urban and rural terrain. Trainees worked arrest techniques for active and passive scenes, assaults in progress, as well as the planned assault. Gestures were repeated in each scenario so they became automatic responses for the police officers.

Staging and monitoring for new recruits from the Research and Intervention Brigade - BRI

Interventions and Planning has not been left to chance, either, in this course. Officers from the BIS discovered how to respond to crises, with all the inherent practical details such as organization of workstations, appointment of a Planning Manager, shifts on different monitoring points, logistics for ground personnel, time management of different teams depending on their missions, while realizing the entire operation must be managed 24 hours.



Implementation of a practical exercise in the field completed this training. In this case it was a kidnapping scenario involving four criminals. The objective was to locate the victim and capture the perpetrators from their various locations.

The professionalism of trainees during this exercise should be noted as well as the skill and expertise of the UNPOL trainers. Let us not forget to acknowledge the Norwegian UNPOL who played the hostage in the kidnap scenario throughout a long day without losing his good humor.



Graduation of the 21 trainees took place at the Police Academy on the last day of the course, with the Director of Central Judicial Police and all participating UNPOLs attending. Now the BIS, with the strengthening of its technical know-how, will have greater effectiveness operating on difficult terrain in the struggle against organized crime. ■

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