

# **NEWS**

## **Dr. William J. Bopp to present to Senator Siplin's Use of Deadly Force Commission**

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**ORLANDO** – Senator Gary Siplin will reconvene the Use of Deadly Force Commission to hear presentations by Dr. William J. Bopp on May 11, 2004, 7:00 pm at the Dr. James R. Smith Community Center, 1723 Bruton Blvd.

“It is important that we take a comprehensive look at this issue. We have good police officers doing a great job to protect our communities but there are some problems that must be addressed” said Sen. Siplin. Dr. Bopp is a professional in this field and can give us insight as to how our law enforcement officers should be trained.”

Dr. William J. Bopp is a Professor Emeritus of Criminology and Criminal Justice and has been a consultant to various law enforcement agencies, including the Orange County Sheriff's Department. He has been a guest lecturer on police management or crime prevention or criminal investigation at several colleges, Universities and law enforcement agencies. Dr. Bopp is considered an expert witness in criminal investigation.

In response to the recent incidences concerning the use of tasers by law enforcement, Dr. Bopp has been asked to prepare a discussion concerning the practice of using tasers in confrontations.

Undersheriff Rick Staley Retired from Orange County Sheriff's Department and Deputy Chief Mike Jordan, Patrol Service Bureau Manager will also present to the Commission. The Use of Deadly Force commission was formed to hear testimony and make recommendations to Sen. Siplin of possible legislative changes. The public is also invited to give testimony concerning taser or use of deadly force incidents.

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