

## Taser Training at the AJA Convention

The Reston, Virginia, YMCA Dojo has developed a unique self-defense program around the new “Civilian Taser C2 Device and Tactical Jujitsu”. At this time, Police Taser Instructors Bruce Jones and Jancel Conroy have finalized a 4 hour course that is now a regular part of the program in Reston, a formal element of weapons countermeasures and crime prevention in *taihojutsu*.



AJA President John D. McCurdy and Terry Feelemyer, Director of the AJA Northern Region strongly support this initiative as a pilot program during this summer’s AJA National Conference on July 18th in Towson, MD.

In Virginia and many other states now, civilian Tasers may be lawfully carried and used, consistent with some local restrictions. Criminals may also possibly steal or purchase them through intermediaries, without regard for restrictions. The simple fact is a Taser can be more immediately incapacitating than a gunshot wound. Take that from someone (Jones) who has experienced this so other students don’t have to. Furthermore, we strongly believe that more people will more willing to Taser an attacker effectively than might ever be prepared to shoot another human being. Police-involved shootings have dropped remarkably across the country since the advent of Taser and its increased judicious use in capturing violent felons. That is a very good trend and is to be applauded; budoshin!

This “Safe Effective User Documentation Course” will be offered only to adult and more senior AJA purple, brown, and black belt members, well known to their AJA sensei. There will be a written test at the end and a demonstration of scenario-based physical techniques competency. Indirect costs of demonstration, supplies, and preparation must be recovered through a modest fee of \$45.00 per participant. Class size will be kept small; no larger than 20 persons in a separate and private area under close supervision.

AJA instructors’ and members’ evaluations and feedback will be sought and welcomed before during and after the AJA Convention. For further information, please contact Bruce Jones, AJA Sensei # 1900 in Reston, Virginia YMCA Dojo at [B2jones@comcast.net](mailto:B2jones@comcast.net) .