## I've always thought cadets should train empty-handed

Ask any police academy in-structor or cadet. All will agree: Losing control of a stressful situ-stion can have devastating results

career. While many refuse to comment on the circumstances surrounding the Malice Green incident, some say that lack of training and re-training of police officers can be to blame.

Ken Frayer, director of in-ser-

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vice training at Wayne County Regional Police Training Center at Schoolcraft College-Radellff in Garden City, says in-service classes update officers of changes in the law and police tactics.

"They need to be aware of the letest advances and court decisions affecting their job," Frayer said. "In-service classes keep them up to 'date like classes in anyther profession."

Frayer says that many departments require officers to take continuing education classes, although the state does not. "Officers seed more training, or mandatory off-time, or mandatory counseling," said Kimberly Wegner, a cade at the Oakland Police Academy at Oakland Community College in Auburn Hills. "Not all the officers are at fault, but they need more training."

Wegner, a former CEMS werker, said emergency care technicans are required to renew theil licenses every three years and to take courses during the interim. She says similar requirements should be placed on police officers.

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Clifford Block, another Oakland cadet, said, "It still shouldn't have happened. We were taught to use the minimum force necessary."
"You can were stop getting enough training," he said. "If you take your job seriously, over time, it's worth it. I want to be the best officer I can be But unfortunately not everyone thinks that way."
Block, whose father was also a police officer, added that training reminds officers that "a flashlight is a flashlight, not a weapon."
If departments do not require in-house training programs, "they should," said Ron Proudlock, a See, EMPTY-HANDED

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