“What’s Wrong With These Kids?!?”

“What’s Wrong With These Kids?!” was developed for Team One Network’s outstanding staff of tactical and firearms instructors and has proved to be an extraordinarily popular conference breakout session. It’s not unusual to have a large number of officer trainees entering the academy who have never been in a fight in their lives. Many do not understand what it means to work professionally in a para-military environment. They seem to have short attention spans and expect immediate gratification, and yet the newest generation of police officers is one of the most talented. How do we harness that talent and turn them into “warriors?”

The challenge of bringing all personnel to a high level of success and performance is the same as it has always been...understand their strengths and weaknesses and use the former to eliminate the latter. In "What’s Wrong With These Kids” we examine societal & generation changes that affect the law enforcement profession and helps trainers and managers work more effectively with "Generation X,” “Generation Y” (“The Millennials”) and now the “Peter Pans.” Officers starting today are a technology savvy, inquisitive generation of young people. The potential is remarkable if leaders and trainers will step up and evaluate traditional methods of leading and training from the standpoint of using experiences and technology to improve performance.