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John Combs directs and supervises the overall administration, planning, implementation, and daily operation of the Physical Fitness and Subject Control/Arrest Techniques Training Programs, to include the evaluation of staff, lesson plans, and facilities. John also ensures that course curricula are job-related and applicable, reflect current information and practice, employ appropriate performance-based training methods, and accurately measure student performance in both cognitive and motor skill aspects, based on training evaluation methods that reflect current job environments and agency requirements.

Along with serving as the chief instructor and primary program developer for the above curricula, Combs is an adjunct faculty member at Campbell University and Methodist University in the Criminal Justice & Homeland Security baccalaureate degree programs. Combs has over 27 years of law enforcement experience, an MPA from UNC-Charlotte (Criminal Justice emphasis), and a M.A. in Health Education & Promotion from East Carolina University, along with numerous training certifications in the areas of force tactics and fitness.

John Combs has been training law enforcement and detention officers in these specialty areas for over 21 years and has been instructing at the university level since 2001. Combs has been retained as an expert witness in nearly five-dozen civil & criminal cases in both state and federal court systems in the areas of force tactics and physical fitness. Combs has had several articles published in these areas, and has presented training to public safety personnel at the state, national, and international levels.