

USE OF FORCE FROM THE STREET TO THE COURTROOM \$149 8 HOURS

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Course Overview: In this scenario-based training program, law enforcement professionals will gain a comprehensive understanding of use-of-force incidents, documentation, and courtroom testimony. Whether you're a patrol officer, supervisor, or command staff member, this course provides practical insights. Here's what the program covers: Reasonable Force vs. Excessive Force:

- Explore the legal standards for using force.
- Understand the delicate balance between effective control and excessive actions.

Court Case Review:

- Analyze relevant court decisions related to use of force.
- Learn from precedents and legal interpretations.

Details Missing in Most Reports:

- Discuss common pitfalls in use-of-force documentation.
- Understand the importance of thorough reporting.

Types of Resistance:

- Identify different levels of resistance officers encounter.
- Explore appropriate responses based on the situation.

Levels of Officer Control:

- Learn about verbal, physical, and less-lethal control methods.
- Understand when each level is appropriate.
- Mental and Physical Responses by Officers:
- Explore the psychological and physiological aspects of high-stress encounters.
- Discuss decision-making under pressure.
- Group Discussions and Scenario-Based Participation:
- Engage in interactive exercises to reinforce learning.
- Practice articulating force decisions in realistic scenarios.

Common Terms Used in Reports:

- Familiarize participants with terminology for accurate documentation.
- Ensure consistency and clarity in reporting.

Documenting Use of Force:

- Master effective report writing specific to use-of-force incidents.
- Understand what details matter and how to convey them.

Officer-Involved Shootings:

- Discuss protocols and considerations for these critical incidents.
- Explore best practices for documentation and testimony. Hollywood vs. Reality:
- Address misconceptions about use of force perpetuated by media.
- Ground discussions in practical, real-world scenarios.

Courtroom Testimony Skills:

- Learn techniques for confidently presenting evidence in court.
- Understand the role of officers as credible witnesses.

Remember, this course bridges the gap between theory and practice, equipping officers with the knowledge and skills

