

# Dog Encounters: Keeping Officers Safe

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## DVD-ROM Video

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Dogs are an integral part of a family and may be found in one out of every three homes that a peace officer responds to. The purpose of this training is to assist peace officers in understanding dog behavior, provide tactical approaches for positive outcomes with dog encounters, and to highlight proper levels of force in dealing with dogs to keep peace officers and others safe.

Segments and key points include:

- Dog Behaviors: How your behavior affects dogs, common myths about dog behaviors, the basics of body language, what not to do
- Indicators and Encounters: Unrestrained dogs and surprised officers, on-scene visual cues, scene assessment, situational awareness, types of encounters
- Tactical Approach: Officer safety, coordinating with animal control, de-escalation
- Use of Force Options: Specific use of force options for dogs, tools for safety, use of deadly force
- Aftermath and Recovering from Incidents: How community reactions to dog injuries have changed, lawsuits with death of a pet, Penal Code sections for dog encounters when making arrests
- Final Thoughts

The DVD-ROM video program offers two viewing modes and printable instructor and trainee documents:

### Facilitated Group Course

Each segment features a short introduction, followed by scenarios with related questions and activities to assist in facilitating a group discussion. The facilitator has the option to play subject matter expert comments after the discussion to re-emphasize a training point or to ensure all topics are covered. A "Facilitator Guide" document (PDF) is included on the DVD-ROM for printout from a computer.

### Informational/Individual Viewing

This viewing mode allows an individual trainee or a small group of trainees to view the training video without formal (classroom) facilitation by an instructor. Features the same scenarios and questions or activities as the "Facilitated Group Course" track. Individual viewers may view sample group discussions, followed by comments from subject matter experts that reiterate and reinforce the teaching points. A "Student Workbook" document (PDF) is included on the DVD-ROM for printout from a computer.

Additional "how to" instructions for facilitation and obtaining CPT credit are included on the main menu of the video.



## Video Program Guide

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