



Use of Force by Peace Officers

2 Hours - Telecourse DVD
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This program is designed to reinforce the law and case decisions related to peace officers' use of force, and provide practice and train in cognitive areas in the use of force. Includes discussion of what "force" and "force options" means, how "reasonable force" is defined, how a peace officers' use of force is regulated and reviewed from a legal perspective, what role "reasonable fear" plays in use of force, and the role of agency policy in use of force situations. Key discussion points include:

- Law and the Use of Force: What does the law allow/expect?
- The Psychological/Emotional Impact of Force Situations: What roles do fear, anger, emotions and mindset play in use of force situations?
- Media and Public Scrutiny of Use of Force: How should peace officers expect to be viewed and scrutinized as a result of use of force decisions?
- Agency Control: Who is in charge of a force situation, and how can tactical communications impact force decisions?
- Policy Application: What are the essential elements of understanding your department's policy?
- Behavior and Force Decisions: What are the realities of force decisions?
- Articulation and Investigation After a Force Incident: What explanations and rationales will be required following a force incident?

The DVD program offers several viewing options:

1. Play telecourse in its entirety (2 hours)

2. Select among nine telecourse segments:

- Introduction (3 min.)
- Chopping the car (11 min.)
- How is reasonable force defined? (20 min.)
- 211 in progress (12 min.)
- Force option simulation (11 min.)
- Man in the park (21 min.)
- Roll-call training (5 min.)
- Shooting the car (14 min.)
- Spit out the dope (13 min.)

Select among six telecourse scenarios/interaction segments:

- Chopping the car
- Bag lady
- 211 in progress
- Man in the park
- Shooting the car
- Spit out the dope

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Reference Guide NA

* Specific to DVD only. The first four digits of the Course Control Number (xxxx) is the preassigned Telecourse Presenter Number specific to your agency; the tenth and eleventh digits (xx) are the fiscal year in which your agency presents this program. See website for detailed instructions.