

VALOR Initiative

Provided by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance

Origin:

As part of the United States Attorney General's Officer Safety Initiative, the VALOR Initiative was created in 2010 by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), to respond to the startling increase in felonious assaults that have taken the lives of many law enforcement officers.

Goal/Mission:

BJA's mission is to provide leadership and services in grant administration and criminal justice policy development to support local, state, and tribal justice strategies to achieve safer communities. The goal of the VALOR Initiative is to improve the immediate and long-term health, wellness, and safety of law enforcement professionals through the continued development and delivery of knowledge and skills-based training.

Content:

VALOR is a comprehensive effort that includes classroom and Web-based training, research, and resources for sworn state, local, and tribal law enforcement officers. VALOR training provides critical nationwide, no-cost officer safety training to all levels of law enforcement. Both on-site and online training modules are developed using the latest expertise, analysis, tactics, techniques, and response methods to address alarming trends. At each on-site event, participants learn the importance of observing and listening to individuals, which may help them locate concealed weapons, identify indicators of a potential assault, or defuse dangerous situations, enhancing their resiliency and implementing casualty care and rescue tactics. VALOR continues to conduct research to identify current trends related to health, wellness, and safety concerns for law enforcement officers. The information collected from ongoing research is incorporated into training and technical assistance delivered on-site, as well as resource material provided in printed form and/or through the VALOR Web Portal.

Accomplishments:

Since its inception, the BJA VALOR Initiative has delivered more than 180 BJA VALOR Trainings to more than 22,000 law enforcement officers across the United States.

Additional Training:

In addition, the BJA VALOR Initiative addresses active shooter response, through a partnership with Texas State University. This component of training is provided through the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT) Program. ALERRT classes available through the BJA VALOR Initiative cover topics such as basic active shooter response and casualty care.



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