

VALOR—OFFICER SAFETY TRAINING

OVERVIEW



VALOR

Preventing Violence Against Law Enforcement
and Ensuring Officer Resilience and Survivability

...IN VALOR THERE IS HOPE

At the direction of the Attorney General, the Bureau of Justice Assistance created VALOR. This initiative is designed to help prevent violence against law enforcement officers and ensure officer resilience and survivability following violent encounters during the course of their duties. VALOR responds to the precipitous increase in ambush-style assaults that have taken the lives of many law enforcement officers in recent months.

STRATEGY

VALOR will provide critical nationwide training and technical assistance to state, local, and tribal law enforcement through a variety of delivery mechanisms and will conduct and disseminate analysis of violent encounters in various forms, including after-action reviews and lessons-learned publications.

Training will include the following topics:

- Strategies for anticipating and surviving a violent encounter by using “The Deadly Mix” framework (officer, offender, and circumstances that brought them together)
- Techniques for identifying concealed weapons and/or armed gunmen
- High-risk tactical considerations (e.g., active shooters, hostage, etc.)
- Specific threat groups and violent criminals



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▶ VALOR COMPONENTS:

- On-Site Regional Trainings
- Train-the-Trainer Program
- Lessons Learned From Assessment of Violent Encounters
- Awareness Materials
- Web-Based Training (secure)
- Customized Courses/Seminars
- Interviews With Officers and Offenders
- Resource Materials (guides, policies, etc.)

▶ TIMELINE



The pilot of the line officer training program was held in Richmond, Virginia, on January 25–26, 2011. Training sessions have been held in Tampa, Florida, on April 5–6, 2011, and Detroit, Michigan, May 24–25, 2011. Additional trainings in 2011 are scheduled to take place in San Diego, California, and Seattle, Washington. The rollout of the online training will take place later in 2011. An additional course for managers/supervisors and a train-the-trainer curriculum is being developed in 2011 and 2012. Additional resources will be continually added.

For more information please visit www.valorforblue.org.