

FORCE OPTIONS SIMULATOR TRAINING

COURSE OUTLINE

Course Goal: This course is intended to present officers with realistic incidents similar to which they encounter on a daily basis, where they are forced to make use decisions on whether or not to use force, and if so, what level of force based on the scenarios presented to them.

I) Introduction/Registration

II) Training Philosophy

- a) Improve decision making skills related to the use of force.
- b) Improve knowledge in current use of force law.
- c) Improve skills in tactics and the selection of appropriate force options by utilizing the simulator.
- d) Improve the ability to document a use of force incident.

III) Simulator Introduction/Equipment

- a) Interactive, computer based, Force Options Simulator System (Video scenarios).
- b) Life size projector screen.
- c) Weapons, converted laser equipped firearms that trigger a laser shot onto the screen, laser equipped pepper spray, and laser equipped TASER, department approved impact weapon.

IV) Scenarios

- a) Pre-programmed set of circumstances

V) Weapons safety

- a) Four basic safety rules.
- b) No firearms, pepper spray, TASER's or ammunition allowed.

VI) Use of Force deployment

- a) Uniform presence.
- b) Hands/control holds.
- c) Chemical agents (Pepper spray).
- d) Electronic weapons (TASER).
- e) Firearms.

VII) De-brief incident

VIII) Case Law

- a) Tennessee v. Garner, use of deadly force reasonable officer standard.
- b) Graham v. Conner, basis of deadly force.
- c) Ferret v. Richardson, clarifies deadly force issues.

IX) Penal Codes

- a) 834a. Peace officers can use reasonable force to arrest, prevent escape, or overcome resistance of any person he believes has committed a public offense.
- b) 196. Justifiable homicide

X) Peace officer/Agency liability

- a) Title 18, USC section 242 (criminal).
- b) Title 42. USC section 1983 (civil).

XI) Documenting a use of force incident

- a) Body work camera.
- b) Audio recording.
- c) Report writing.
- d) Only write what force you used.

XII) Department Policy

- a) Officers must know and follow their department policy.
- b) Specific issues, shooting at violent fleeing felons, juveniles and moving vehicle.