

Let's stay vigilant against ambushes

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AMBUSH

AWARENESS—Ambush attacks are consistently a leading cause of felonious law enforcement deaths.—NLEOMF

MENTALLY PREPARE—Prior to arriving at any call, mentally prepare for whatever you may encounter at the scene, and have a plan to deal with it.

BE READY TO ACT—Train for every possible ambush scenario, and be prepared to stop the threat.

USE PROPER TACTICS—Evaluate all situations as you approach. Use the cover-and-contact principle when possible. Avoid a frontal approach if possible.

SURVIVE THE ENCOUNTER—Adopt a winning mind-set, stay tactically proficient, and keep physically fit to help you survive every encounter.

HELP OTHERS—Deny the suspect movement, if possible, and report clearly all safe response routes to responding officers to keep them from entering the kill zone.

“We had seen significant declines in officer fatalities the last two years, so the spike in deaths this year is particularly alarming. The sharp rise in officers killed by gunfire—many in ambush-style attacks—as well as a significant increase in fatal on-duty heart attacks reminds us that much more work needs to be done to improve officer safety and wellness.”

—NLEOMF Chairman and CEO Craig W. Floyd