

Officer safety through continued education and training!

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The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) VALOR Program is highlighting the latest **Spotlight on Safety**, [Cybersecurity and Officer Safety—Increase Awareness, Assess Your Information, and Protect Your Digital Footprint](#). This series looks at keeping officers safe online by exploring what personally identifying information is on the internet and how to sanitize and protect officers' digital footprints.



Officer Safety and Social Media

[Understanding Digital Footprints: Steps to Protect Personal Information](#)

In September 2016, the [Global Advisory Committee](#) published the report [Understanding Digital Footprints: Steps to Protect Personal Information](#), identifying cybercrime as an ever-growing issue for state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) law enforcement personnel. With advancements in technology, coupled with the

oversharing of personal information, law enforcement not only needs to ensure the public's safety online but also be cognizant of the digital footprint that people are leaving behind. This document provides material designed to assist law enforcement personnel in protecting themselves and their families from becoming cyber targets: protecting personal information, cyber do's and don'ts, and links to further cyber training and resources. [Read the article.](#)

Mission Essential Topics for Research

Your continued professional development and training are critical to your safety and well-being, as well as that of your fellow officers and the community you serve. These topics are in areas that you may want to further research and explore.



Illicit Drug Crisis

[*Fentanyl Safety Recommendations for First Responders*](#)

The increased prevalence of fentanyl and other synthetic opioids in the illicit drug market means that first responders need to understand how to protect themselves from exposure in the field. This resource provides first responders with unified, scientific, evidence-based recommendations to enable them to protect themselves when the presence of fentanyl is suspected during the course of their daily activities, such as responding to overdose calls and conducting traffic stops, arrests, and searches. [Read the article.](#)



Critical Incident Response

[*Rescue, Response, and Resilience: A Critical Incident Review of the Orlando Public Safety Response to the Attack on the Pulse Nightclub*](#)

On Monday, December 18, 2017, the COPS Office released its after-action assessment of the law enforcement and public safety response to the Pulse nightclub attack on June 12, 2016. The shooting, which was determined to be a terrorist attack, injured more than 100 people and resulted in

the loss of 49 lives. At the request of City of Orlando Police Department (OPD) Chief John Mina, the COPS Office and its research partner, the Police Foundation, conducted a critical incident review of the OPD response to the attack. The thorough assessment determined that the OPD and its law enforcement partners responded to the attack in a manner consistent with recognized practices. [Read the report.](#)

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- [Survive & Thrive | March 20–21, 2018 | Milwaukee, Wisconsin](#)
- [Survive & Thrive | April 17–18, 2018 | Trussville, Alabama](#)
- [VALOR Train-the-Trainer Workshop | April 19, 2018 | Trussville, Alabama](#)
- [Survive & Thrive | April 26–27, 2018 | Indianapolis, Indiana](#)
- [Survive & Thrive | May 8–9, 2018 | Glendora, California](#)

Save the Date!

VALOR Survive & Thrive

Hampton, Virginia — May 16-17, 2018
Jacksonville, Arkansas—June 12–13, 2018
Kalamazoo, Michigan—June 21–22, 2018
Baton Rouge, Louisiana—June 25–26, 2018

VALOR Train-the-Trainer

Tallahassee, Florida—April 5, 2018
Baton Rouge, Louisiana—June 27, 2018

VALOR Executive Leadership Workshop

Little Rock, Arkansas—May 8, 2018
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[VALOR Program Bulletin: Needlestick Injuries \(VALOR login required\)](#)

Given the ongoing opioid and heroin epidemics that are affecting cities large and small across our country, it is critical to continue to raise awareness of the threat that needlestick injuries (NSIs) present to law enforcement officers. Traditionally, needlesticks are among the topics covered in basic recruit training, and they might be mentioned during annual bloodborne pathogens trainings, but a reminder about the threat is needed. [Read the article.](#)

Have You Seen This?



[Casualty Care—Get Off the "X" \(VALOR login required\)](#)

This online scenario is designed to increase the ability of law enforcement personnel to implement techniques to deal with major hemorrhage secondary gunshot and/or knife wounds, etc. This mock law enforcement/suspect encounter involves a fairly common law enforcement incident, a felony traffic stop.



[Mass Demonstration Preparedness \(VALOR login required\)](#)

During this video presentation, a panel of nationally recognized chiefs shared their experiences in planning for and responding to planned and peaceful mass demonstrations and spontaneous civil unrest in a manner that promotes the protection of civil rights and civil liberties and the public trust and that directly impacts public safety and officer safety, resiliency, and wellness.

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