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**The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) VALOR Program introduces the latest Spotlight on Safety, [Ambush Attacks Against Law Enforcement: Safety and Prevention Strategies](#).** This series provides practical situational approaches and strategies to help law enforcement officers avoid, and survive, an ambush attack. Resources include an article, printable posters, podcasts, and other materials.

### Ambush Attacks



#### **[Ambush Attacks Against Law Enforcement: Safety and Prevention Strategies](#)**

On May 15, 2017, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) released the 2016 preliminary statistics for Law Enforcement Officers Killed in the line of duty. These statistics show that 66 law enforcement officers were feloniously killed in the line of duty and that 17 of these officers were killed in ambush attacks. Ambush attacks also were responsible for multiple serious injuries to officers and others. This article will provide strategies to prevent ambush attacks and keep officers safe if attacked.

*[Read more](#)*

# 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.

## Statistics



### [\*\*The FBI Releases 2016 Preliminary Statistics for Law Enforcement Officers Killed in the Line of Duty\*\*](#)

Preliminary statistics released today by the FBI show that 66 law enforcement officers were feloniously killed in the line of duty in 2016. This is an increase of 61 percent over the 41 officers killed in 2015. By region, 30 officers died as a result of criminal acts that occurred in the South, 17 officers in the West, 13 officers in the Midwest, 4 in the Northeast, and 2 in Puerto Rico. [Read more](#)

## Hemorrhage Control



### [\*\*Hemorrhage Control Overview for Law Enforcement Personnel\*\*](#)

In this slideshow, Lieutenant and Deputy Medical Director Alex Eastman of the Dallas, Texas, Police Department (DPD) provides an overview of the DPD Hemorrhage Control Program. Because law enforcement officers are often the first to respond to a scene involving persons with critical injuries, they have an opportunity to save the lives of those with uncontrolled bleeding. [Read more](#)

# Register for Training

- [VALOR Essentials | August 28–30, 2017 | Indio, California](#)
- [VALOR Train-the-Trainer Workshop | August 31, 2017 | Forsyth, Georgia](#)
- [VALOR Terrorism-Related Officer Safety Strategies | September 6, 2017 | Salem, Oregon](#)
- [VALOR Train-the-Trainer Workshop | September 12, 2017 | Parma, Ohio](#)
- [VALOR Terrorism-Related Officer Safety Strategies | September 19, 2017 | Appling, Georgia](#)
- [VALOR Train-the-Trainer Workshop | September 21, 2017 | Mesa, Arizona](#)

- [VALOR Terrorism-Related Officer Safety Strategies | September 26, 2017 | Brewer, Maine](#)
- [VALOR Terrorism-Related Officer Safety Strategies | September 28, 2017 | Harlingen, Texas](#)



## Two new online training modules are available NOW!

The VALOR Program has released [Casualty Care—Get Off the X](#) and [Officer-Involved Shooting](#) eLearning modules geared to law enforcement officers.



### [Casualty Care—Get Off the X](#)

This online scenario is designed to increase the capacity of law enforcement personnel to implement mitigation techniques for major hemorrhage secondary to gunshot and/or knife wounds, etc. This mock law enforcement officers/suspect scenario deals with a fairly common law enforcement incident, a felony vehicular stop. The scenario reinforces tactics that should be utilized to mitigate injuries associated with gunfire from a suspect or suspects. At the conclusion of this scenario, participants will understand the importance of suppressing the threat, using cover and concealment for protection, and treating life-threatening bleeding as the first medical priority. [\*Watch now!\*](#)



## [Officer-Involved Shooting](#)

This online training module will examine the sensory distortions that officers may experience before, during, and after officer-involved shootings. It will also provide some training considerations and recommendations for improving how officers react to the stress of shootings, such as reality-/scenario-based training to improve situational awareness and communication and coordination skills. [Watch now!](#)

## Have You Seen This?



### [Webinar Recording: Defusing Difficult Encounters](#)

(law enforcement sensitive)

How often does your career in law enforcement provide chances to interact with citizens? For most officers, it is on a daily, if not an hourly, basis. You and other law enforcement officers across the nation make tens of thousands of public contacts every single day. Whether they are responses to calls for service, contacts related to traffic enforcement, or efforts to make an arrest, most encounters you make are uneventful, with a peaceful resolution. The goal of this webinar is to enhance law enforcement officers' abilities to evaluate situations that they may encounter, apply general defusing principles and methods, and make appropriate tactical decisions to resolve fluid, dynamic, and uncertain situations. [Watch now!](#)



**Webinar Recording: *Increase Your Safety, Wear Your Vest—A Survivor’s Story***

(law enforcement sensitive)

This webinar overviews how to obtain funding to purchase vests for your department from Mr. Joseph Husted of the Office of Justice Programs, Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Program. In addition, Lieutenant Vann Streety, from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, discusses how his vest and mind-set helped him survive a brutal assault in which he was shot six times in the line of duty. [\*Watch now!\*](#)



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