



VALOR Digital Dispatch provides officer safety-related articles, resources, upcoming VALOR trainings, new resources added to the VALOR Web Portal, and research studies that are relevant for the law enforcement community. The Dispatch is provided to all members of the VALOR Web Portal, [www.valorforblue.org](http://www.valorforblue.org). We encourage you to share this e-mail with other members of the law enforcement community.

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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 to help law enforcement officers avoid and strategies to survive an ambush attack. Resources include an article, printable posters, podcasts, and other materials.

### **Ambush Attacks Against Law Enforcement Officers**



#### **Deadly Calls and Fatal Encounters**

In 2015, the [National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund \(NLEOMF\)](#) entered into a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice COPS Office to study officer line-of-duty deaths. This report is a five-year study analyzing line-of-duty deaths in which a total of 684 cases were reviewed. Specifically, the analysis focused on cases involving dispatched calls for service that required a police response and the information that was made available to responding officers in the deadliest calls for service. Armed with this information, researchers were then tasked with determining whether any commonalities existed that could be utilized as learning tools to prevent future deadly calls or fatal encounters.

# Mission Essential Topics for Research

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

## Law Enforcement Officer Fatalities Report



### [2017 Mid-Year Law Enforcement Officer Fatalities Report](#)

According to preliminary data compiled by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, as of June 30, 2017, 65 federal, state, and local law enforcement officers have died in the line of duty this year, increasing 30 percent over the 50 officers killed during the same period last year.

## Fentanyl



### [Fentanyl: A Brief Guide for First Responders](#)

There is a significant threat to law enforcement personnel, and other first responders, who may come in contact with fentanyl and other fentanyl-related substances through routine law enforcement, emergency or life-saving activities. Since fentanyl can be ingested orally, inhaled through the nose or mouth, or absorbed through the skin or eyes, any substance suspected to contain fentanyl should be treated with extreme caution as exposure to a small amount can lead to significant health-related complications, respiratory depression, or death.

# Register for Training

- [VALOR Executive Session | Tampa, Florida | October 25, 2017](#)
- [VALOR Essentials: Officer Safety and Wellness Training | Arlington, Texas | November 2-3, 2017](#)
- [VALOR Supplemental Training | Warrenton, Virginia | November 6, 2017](#)



## A new online training module is available NOW!

The [VALOR Program](#) has released [Ordinary or Extraordinary](#) eLearning module geared to law enforcement officers.

### Ordinary or Extraordinary

This video challenges you to reexamine your role as a law enforcement PROFESSIONAL! You'll learn:

- The importance of treating your job as more than “just a job”
- How your professionalism directly affects your safety and the safety of those you serve
- The definition of a “professional” in law enforcement
- What it means to be a scholar, a statesman, and a guardian

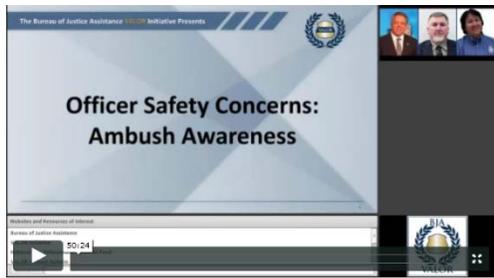


## Have You Seen This?



### Webinar Recording: Professionalism in Law Enforcement

This webinar revisits the law enforcement oath of office and the commitment made and gain a renewed understanding and appreciation of what it takes to stand as a capable and competent professional in the 21st century. Watch the [webinar recording of Professionalism in Law Enforcement](#).



## [Webinar Recording: Officer Safety Concerns— Ambush Awareness](#) (law enforcement sensitive)

This Webinar overviews the trends and statistics related to ambushes on law enforcement officers in recent years, as well as counter-ambush strategies and considerations. In addition, one officer recounts her story of survival in an ambush attack. Watch the [webinar recording of \*Officer Safety Concerns—Ambush Awareness\*](#).



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