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## Current Events

### De-Escalation



#### **[National Police Groups Add De-Escalation to New Model Policy on Use of Force](#)**

A group of 11 national police organizations issued a new model policy Tuesday for police departments nationwide that, for the first time, incorporates the concept of de-escalation for instances in which an officer is facing the choice of using deadly force. The new policy also recommends that police departments declare that "It is the policy of this law enforcement agency to value and preserve human life." [Read more](#)

## Community Relations



### **[Poll Finds Stark Disconnect Between Police Officers and the Public](#)**

The Pew Research Poll surveyed nearly 8,000 officers on race relations, morale, and reform—the first nationally representative survey since the nation began a conversation on police reform. The poll found that a majority of officers are now hesitant to stop and question suspects, and the tense atmosphere has made their jobs more difficult. And it found that black and white officers have different takes on just how good community relations are. [Read more](#)

## Tourniquet



### **[Tourniquet Used on Injured Dayton Officer “Instrumental in Saving His Life”](#)**

The newlywed and recent father is being treated at Miami Valley Hospital for serious injuries to his lower body after investigators say icy roads late Friday night caused a driver of a black sport utility vehicle to lose control and hit the rookie officer’s cruiser while he was helping the driver of a semitruck on the side of I-75. [Read more](#)

## Ambush Training



### **[Ambush on Police Officer in Squad Car Shows Importance of Training](#)**

Milwaukee’s police chief presented Officer Brandon Baranowski with the Purple Valor Award while he was in the hospital on Tuesday. He was responding to a domestic disturbance early Sunday morning on Milwaukee’s south side when police officers say he was shot while sitting in his squad car. More and more agencies are now training their officers how to react and defend themselves in situations such as this where they are most vulnerable. [Read more](#)

## Health



### **[A New Year’s Resolution Every Law Enforcement Officer Should Make—Living a Healthier Lifestyle](#)**

It is not impossible to lose weight or live healthier, but it is a conscious decision that you have to make. [Read more](#)

# Register for Training

- [VALOR Essentials | February 7–9, 2017 | Albuquerque, New Mexico](#)
- [VALOR Essentials | February 14–16, 2017 | Georgetown, Texas](#)
- [VALOR Essentials | February 27 – March 1, 2017 | Forsyth, Georgia](#)
- [VALOR Essentials | March 14–16, 2017 | Montgomery, Alabama](#)
- [VALOR Officer Safety Executive Session | March 21, 2017 | Mesa, Arizona](#)
- [VALOR Essentials | March 21–23, 2017 | Mesa, Arizona](#)
- [VALOR Essentials | March 28–30, 2017 | Little Rock, Arkansas](#)
- [VALOR Essentials | April 12–14, 2017 | Havana, Florida](#)

## Save the Date:

- VALOR Essentials | April 2017 | Jackson, Mississippi
- VALOR Essentials | June 2017 | Newberry, South Carolina

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## [Increase Your Safety: Wear Your Vest—A Survivor's Story](#)

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



## [Spotlight on Safety—Vest Wear](#)

**The BJA VALOR Program introduces the latest Spotlight on Safety Campaign!** This Spotlight on Safety, **Vest Wear**, provides resources to help law enforcement officers understand the proper maintenance, care, and need for bullet-resistant vests. Resources include printable posters, a Bulletproof Vest Partnership video, and other materials.



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