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Current Events

De-Escalation



[The Variability in Law Enforcement State Standards: A 42-State Survey on Mental Health and Crisis De-Escalation Training](#)

In an effort to improve these interactions with people who may have a mental illness or are in crisis and to help officers better prepare to handle complex incidents, nearly all states have developed standards for mental health and crisis de-escalation training for their law enforcement officers. This type of police training on how to respond to people whose mental health needs may be a factor in an incident has been shown to make a critical difference in how encounters are resolved. [Read more](#)

Trauma Kits



[Trauma Kits Help Police Officers Control Severe Bleeding, Saving Lives](#)

A growing number of law enforcement agencies, locally and across the nation, issue trauma kits and train officers to quickly control bleeding. The idea is not to have police officers replace paramedics but to teach officers enough about emergency medical care to keep victims from going into shock before professional medics can take over. [Read more](#)

Training



[Virtual Technology Helps Officers Train for Real-Life Situations](#)

The statistics are sobering. Figures released by the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial Fund show that during last year alone, more than 130 police officers were killed nationwide. Of those who died, nearly half died in firearms-related incidents and 20 died in ambushes. These days, departments are looking for new and better ways to train officers on how to successfully handle the latest crime trends. [Read more](#)

Health and Wellness



[Police Officer Suicide: The Untold Stories](#)

Each time officers put on their uniforms, they cover not only their skin but their lives. Members of the public see only the uniform and what they think it represents; they fail to see the person underneath. Each uniform covers a different story that has created a unique personality, with specific emotional needs. There is no test that can predict which officer's burden will become too much or when that might happen. [Read more](#)

Survive and Thrive



[Wounded St. Louis Police Sergeant Teeters on Whether to Stay or Go](#)

After being shot twice in the face, Sergeant Matt Mulholland is recovering from the physical and emotional scars of a critical incident. He now has to decide whether his physical and emotional wounds will allow him to return to police work. [Read more](#)

Register for Training

- [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 4–6, 2017 | Jackson, Mississippi](#)
- [VALOR Essentials | April 12–14, 2017 | Havana, Florida](#)

Save the Date:

- VALOR Essentials | June 2017 | Newberry, South Carolina



[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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