



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. We encourage you to share this e-mail with other members of the law enforcement community.

Contact valor@iir.com to submit an article for consideration in the VALOR Digital Dispatch.

Current Events

De-Escalation



[Changes in Policing Take Hold in One of the Nation's Most Dangerous Cities](#)

Officers are trained to hold their fire when possible, especially when confronting people wielding knives and showing signs of mental illness, and to engage such people in conversation when commands of "drop the knife" do not work. Sometimes, this requires backing up to a safer distance or relying on patience rather than anything on an officer's gun belt. [Read more](#)

Violent Crime and Officer Safety



[U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions Addresses Violent Crime and Safety](#)

U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions was in St. Louis for a speech to law enforcement leaders. He told them that the Justice Department will work with them to battle the rising tide of violent crime in America. [Read more](#)

Body Armor



[Look for the National Institute of Justice's \(NIJ\) New Mark When Choosing Body Armor](#)

If you are responsible for evaluating and purchasing body armor for your agency, the new NIJ Certification Mark (NIJ Mark) may be a helpful tool in identifying NIJ-compliant body armor. As of October 2016, NIJ's CTP began to phase out the NIJ Statement of Compliance in favor of a new registered Mark of Compliance to indicate that specific models of armor have been determined to meet the current ballistic-resistant body armor standard and NIJ CTP requirements and have been approved by NIJ.

[Read more](#)

Ambush Attacks



[Police Ambush Attacks: Four Strategies for Survival](#)

According to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, 21 officers were killed by gunfire ambush in 2016, making it the deadliest year for ambushes against law enforcement in 26 years. The IACP study also indicates a disturbing growth in the trend, with death by ambush accounting for 12 percent of deaths of officers from 1990 to 2000 and an increase to 21 percent from 2001 to 2012. [Read more](#)

Police Suicide



[Police Suicide—and the Solutions](#)

There is such a thing as a full, satisfying career in police work—and a good retirement at the end. For what you go through emotionally as police officers, you deserve no less. [Read more](#)

Register for
Training

- [VALOR Essentials | May 2–4, 2017 | Boys Town, Nebraska](#)
- [VALOR Essentials | June 6–8, 2017 | Newberry, South Carolina](#)

Save the Date:

- VALOR Essentials | June 2017 | Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
- VALOR Essentials | June 2017 | Oxford, Mississippi
- VALOR Essentials | August 2017 | Miami, Florida
- VALOR Essentials | August 2017 | Baltimore, Maryland



Registration Now Open!

[BJA VALOR Webinar—Defusing Difficult Encounters](#)

Join us for the [Defusing Difficult Encounters](#) webinar, where you will learn from a subject-matter expert how to bring difficult encounters to successful conclusions.

This Bureau of Justice Assistance VALOR Program webinar is geared towards law enforcement officers; please note that registration is available only on the secure side of the VALOR Web Portal to valid VALOR for Blue registered users. More information about the webinar and the speakers is available on the [webinar Web page](#).

Register Today



Spotlight on Safety

[Spotlight on Safety—Defusing Difficult Encounters](#)

The BJA VALOR Program introduces the latest **Spotlight on Safety!** [Defusing Difficult Encounters](#) provides resources to help law enforcement officers understand some of the reasons for noncompliance in lawful encounters and strategies to positively impact the direction and outcome of many situations. Resources include an article, printable posters, podcasts, and other materials.



The [VALOR Program](#) has released an improved eLearning environment geared toward law enforcement officers, titled [VALOR for BlueLearning](#). It provides access to online training modules, roll calls, and webinar recordings. The six new modules that have been added include the following:

- [Roll-Call Training: Active Shooter Events—An Overview](#)

- [Online Training: *Casualty Care—Tourniquets*](#)
- [Roll-Call Training: *Casualty Care—Recommended Equipment*](#)
- [Online Training: *Mental Health and Wellness*](#)
- [Online Training: *The Importance of Fitness for Law Enforcement Professionals*](#)
- [Online Training: *The Deadly Mix*](#)



[Share Your Story](#)

Do you have a story or an experience that you wish to share? Your personal story could be used to help other law enforcement officers! Examples of the kinds of stories we are looking for include the following:

- VALOR skills used in the field
- Assaults or injuries in the line of duty
- Strategies for officer safety, wellness, and resiliency

Use this form to give us a brief description of your experience, and we will follow up with you using your preferred method of contact. **The information you provide will not be made publicly available without consent.**



If you have any questions regarding the VALOR Program, please contact the help desk at <https://www.valorforblue.org/ContactUs.aspx>. Unauthorized reproduction or redistribution of the VALOR Digital Dispatch is strictly prohibited.

This project was supported by Grant No. **2013-MU-BX-K001** awarded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs. The opinions, findings, and conclusions or recommendations expressed in this publication are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the U.S. Department of Justice.



MANAGED BY
IIR
Institute for Intergovernmental Research

