



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



[Training Helps Police Officers Defuse Mental Health Crises](#)

Too often, law enforcement officers are the de facto first responders to mental health crises, stepping outside the bounds of their job descriptions and facing situations they should never have to face. [Read more](#)

Fitness



[Law Enforcement Officers: Follow These Tips to Improve Your Fitness Levels](#)

There are many types of fitness programs to choose from, so it is important to select one that fits your schedule, personal life, and abilities. [Read more](#)

April Is Autism Awareness Month



Law Enforcement Officers Train to Better Understand Autism

Imagine being worried that every time your child steps out of your house, he or she may end up in an encounter with police officers. That is the reality for many families of children with autism. [Watch video/read more](#)

Sovereign Citizen Encounters



What Law Enforcement Officers Need to Know About Sovereign Citizen Encounters

The threat to officer safety posed by sovereign citizens is well-known. This article discusses how to be safe and professional during an encounter. [Read more](#)

Complacency



Police Chief: "Complacency has no place in law enforcement"

Chief Gary Holland says that Officer Bryan Eubanks has 14 years of experience and handled everything the right way. "Complacency has no place in law enforcement and I thank God this officer wasn't complacent, he was observant, he realized what was happening and reacted to that situation," Holland said. [Read more](#)

Register for
Training

- [VALOR Essentials | May 2–4, 2017 | Boys Town, Nebraska](#)
- [VALOR Essentials | June 6–8, 2017 | Newberry, South Carolina](#)
- [VALOR Essentials | June 27–19, 2017 | Harrisburg, Pennsylvania](#)

Save the Date:

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



[Defusing Difficult Encounters Webinar Recording Now Available](#)

In case you missed the opportunity to join the webinar “Defusing Difficult Encounters,” [a recording is now available!](#) Learn from a subject-matter expert how YOU can bring those difficult encounters to successful conclusions.



Spotlight on Safety

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

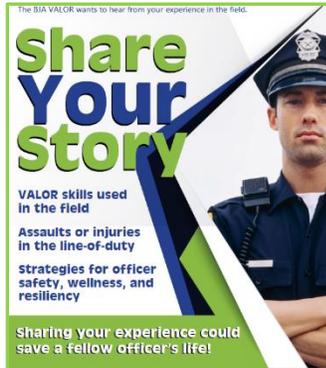
The [BJA VALOR Program](#) introduces the latest [Spotlight on Safety!](#) [Defusing Difficult Encounters](#) provides resources to help law enforcement officers understand some of the reasons for noncompliance in lawful encounters and strategies to positively impact the direction and outcome of many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



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