

Current Events



Active Shooter

U.S. Senator John Cornyn and U.S. Representative John Carter are the sponsors of the Police Act, which was signed into law last month. The new law allows the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, or COPS, grant funds for active shooter response training. Senator Cornyn recently viewed a close-up training scenario of an active shooter event and how law enforcement officers and other first responders worked together to resolve the situation. The training was conducted by the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training, or ALERRT, whose members developed the training after the Columbine shooting. [Read more](#)



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 that involved dispatched calls for service requiring a police response, including information 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. [Read more](#)



Professionalism

This article is an examination of Jim Collins' book *Good to Great*, as it applies to the business of policing. He discusses how to define greatness in police work and what it takes to overcome complacency to become the best leader and officer. [Read more](#)



Vest Wear

Erroneously called “bulletproof vests” when they first emerged, vests made of ballistic armor are really only bullet-resistant. This article discusses the vests’ different levels of protection and how to fit them properly for law enforcement officers. [Read more](#)



Tourniquet

How much do you know about the use of tourniquets? Have you had training on their use? Do you carry a tourniquet on you at all times? This article explains some facts and figures on this lifesaving tool. Are you prepared? [Read more](#)

Register for Training

- [VALOR Essentials | September 14–16, 2016 | Wilmington, Delaware](#)
- [VALOR Essentials | September 20–22, 2016 | Dearborn, Michigan](#)
- [VALOR Essentials | October 4–6, 2016 | Wichita, Kansas](#)

Save the Date:

- VALOR Essentials | October 2016 | Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- VALOR Essentials | November 2016 | Hartford, Connecticut
- VALOR Essentials | November 2016 | Kansas City, Missouri
- VALOR Essentials | November 2016 | Parma, Ohio
- VALOR Essentials | December 2016 | Niagara University, New York
- VALOR Essentials | January 2017 | Miami, Florida
- VALOR Essentials | January 2017 | Georgetown, Texas
- VALOR Essentials | February 2017 | Albuquerque, New Mexico
- VALOR Essentials | March 2017 | Montgomery, Alabama

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[Spotlight on Safety—Active Shooter](#)

Take a look at the current **Spotlight on Safety**, focusing on active shooters. This spotlight strives to prepare you, as a law enforcement officer, for active shooter events. Highlights of this campaign include:

- Article—Active Shooter: Officer Safety Considerations
- Bulletin: Active Shooter
- Previously Recorded Webinar: Exploring Active Shooter Response and Training”
- Posters
- Other Resources for law enforcement and the community

VALOR will be introducing a new theme in September!