



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.

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Current Events

Vest Wear



[Officer Saved by Bullet-Resistant Vest](#)

There are no “routine” traffic stops! In this case, a Wilcox, Arizona, law enforcement officer was saved by a bullet-resistant vest after being shot in the upper chest area. The officer was taken to the hospital for treatment of a minor wound. [Read more](#)

Ambush Attacks



[Ambush-Style Killings of Police Officers Up 300% in First Half of Year](#)

The killings of two police officers in the Des Moines metro area Wednesday are the latest examples of a concerning trend of ambush-style attacks on law enforcement this year. The number of officers killed in such attacks spiked 300 percent in the first seven months of 2016 alone, according to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. [Read more](#)

Preventing Ambush Attacks



[Ten Keys to Preventing an Ambush in Your Squad Car](#)

Ambush attacks on law enforcement officers in their vehicles do occur, and being confined in our vehicles can make it difficult to prepare. Here are ten things to keep in mind to mitigate the risk of ambush in your patrol vehicle. [Read more](#)

Officer Resilience



[Strengthening Officer Resilience](#)

Police work is often stressful, and officers are likely to experience or witness violence and death. These stresses can have a big impact on officers' physical and mental well-being and can accumulate over the course of a career. Many officers struggle with alcohol abuse, depression, suicidal thoughts, post-traumatic stress disorder and other challenges. [Read more](#)

Threats Against Law Enforcement



[Are Social Media Threats Against Law Enforcement a Cybercrime?](#)

Threats are illegal, whether made in person or on social media, and many states have appropriate statutes in place criminalizing such conduct. Threats against law enforcement made on social media sites are not benign—they are serious offenses and must be addressed accordingly. [Read more](#)

Register for
Training

- [VALOR Executive Session | November 29, 2016 | Parma, Ohio](#)
- [VALOR Essentials | November 29 – December 1, 2016 | Parma, Ohio](#)
- [VALOR Essentials | December 6–8, 2016 | Lewiston, New York](#)

Save the Date:

- VALOR Essentials | February 2017 | Georgetown, Texas
- VALOR Essentials | February 2017 | Albuquerque, New Mexico
- VALOR Essentials | March 2017 | Phoenix, Arizona
- VALOR Essentials | March 2017 | Montgomery, Alabama
- VALOR Essentials | March 2017 | Little Rock, Arkansas



[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 resource materials.



[VALOR Webinar—Officer Down: The Road Ahead](#)

Webinar recording now available! Officer Down: The Road Ahead. Listen to the Webinar from October 12, 2016, on how critical incidents impact the health and wellness of law enforcement officers and the resources that may be available to help you and your agency **[Survive and Thrive!](#)**

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