



PRE-INCIDENT INDICATORS OF VIOLENT ASSAULT

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About

Prior to launching assaults against officers, many suspects will display similar characteristics that are pre-incident indicators of a forthcoming violent assault. This class not only teaches officers how to recognize some of those indicators, but it also teaches officers the appropriate counter measures on how to deal with suspects before the assault occurs. When officers are able to do this, they are less likely to use force and more likely to preemptively employ tactics to forestall, diminish, if not eliminated, the opportunity for the suspect to launch the assault. If an assault does occur, officers are also more likely to be in a tactically advantageous position to successfully manage and appropriately counter the assault. Participants will analyze video footage and incident de-briefs regarding violent encounters where suspects can be observed displaying pre-incident indicators of violent assault. The class also covers use of force case law, as well as other use of force related issues. The class provides tools to officers regarding the recognition of situations where the threat of an ambush is enhanced, and officers will learn tools of ambush mitigation. This class covers what contact and cover really is and the appropriate use of contact and cover when more than one officer is involved. Another very important aspect of this presentation is to punctuate the responsibility of officers to appropriately articulate the, "totality of circumstances," of what led to their actions, as well as the circumstances that they encountered during the contact or situation.

Goals and Objectives

- Have the, "tools," to improve situational awareness and focus, at all times, during every citizen contact
- Know that there are, "4 critical times of a violator contact," that an officer is more likely to be assaulted and analyze video footage of when these critical times occur
- Fully understand what the actual, "totality of circumstances," are and how to properly articulate this enhanced understanding in an offense report
- Identify the term, "reasonable tactical advantage," and fully apply the range of the, "reasonable officer," model verses the, "optimum officer," model
- Be able to explain how case law establishes an officers ability to be in, and maintain, a reasonable tactical advantage
- Be familiar with, and better understand, the actions and gestures that suspects will frequently make as they prepare to assault officers
- Have a better understanding of, and an enhanced ability to identify, the type of criminal that would plan, or already have a plan in place, to assault an officer and shield their intentions to do so

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Instructor

Major Mark Sawa retired in 2015 after serving 29 years with the Travis County, Texas, Sheriff's Office. Between 2015 and 2007, he oversaw the Administration and Support Bureau as both the major and a captain. Before promoting to Major, Mark Sawa served as lieutenant over the Law Enforcement Bureau Patrol Division, the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team, the Crisis Negotiation Team, the Crisis Intervention Team, and the Narcotics Unit. In 1996 when Mark was promoted to sergeant, he was assigned to the Patrol Division and the SWAT Team. He was promoted to detective in 1990, working in what is now known as the Major Crimes Division. He served as Senior Deputy Sheriff in the Patrol Division and on the SWAT Team.

Major Sawa was an adjunct training instructor for 28 years during his 29- year career with the Sheriffs Office. The 100 Club of Central Texas awarded Major Sawa the Outstanding Officer of the Year award in 1987, the Medal of Valor in 1999, and an award for heroism in 2002. He has also received the Meritorious Service plaque and Detective of the Year honors by crime-victim advocate groups, People Against Violent Crime, and For the Love of Christi. He received Officer of the Year honors in 1987, 1999, and 2013.

Mark Sawa currently instructs Law Enforcement Officers and Criminal Justice Professionals throughout the nation regarding use of force, threat recognition / response & mitigation, enhanced communication strategies, de-escalation tactics, planning and sound decision making for first responders to critical situations, and leading & managing the 21 st Century Criminal Justice Professional. Mark Sawa is also a court recognized use of force subject matter expert who has testified during criminal and administrative cases. Mark Sawa is a Research Fellow with Dr. David Gilden and the Gilden Lab at the University of Texas at Austin.

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