



UNDERSTANDING THE DYNAMICS, COMPLEXITIES, AND LEGALITIES OF USE OF FORCE DURING POLICE AND CITIZEN ENCOUNTERS

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About

The topic of police and citizen interaction has reached heightened levels of concern for virtually all Americans. Law enforcement faces incredible challenges particularly relating to encounters with citizens where police use force. Thus, the application, training, management, and leadership of the way that police use force is a central issue in American law enforcement today. Effective use-of-force training helps keep police officers and the community safe, as well as build trust between police departments and the people they serve. While there is no training that will anticipate all of the nearly unlimited variety of situations that officers might face during their career, this class is designed to cover some of the best practices and industry standards that apply to the complexities, dynamics, and legalities of the use of force by the 21st Century American Law Enforcement Officer.

Goals and Objectives

- An increased understanding of the frequently misunderstood constitutional standard for the use-of-force by law enforcement
- Foundational concepts of constitutional law and state law that apply to every use-of-force situation.
- Incident review and analysis of multiple use-of-force situations along with the Direct applicability to case law, state law, policy, training, management, and leadership.
- Best practices and industry standards regarding use-of-force training and the Investigation of use-of-force incidents.
- A thorough approach to reporting and articulating the use of force and response to resistance.
- Awareness of the common mistakes that are frequently made during use-of-force review and investigations.
- Understanding bias in decision making and the determination of the objective reasonableness of an officer's use of force.

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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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