



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](http://www.valorforblue.org). We encourage you to share this e-mail with other members of the law enforcement community.

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**The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) VALOR Program is highlighting the latest Spotlight on Safety, [Ambush Attacks Against Law Enforcement: Safety and Prevention Strategies](#).** This series provides practical situational approaches and strategies to help law enforcement officers avoid or survive an ambush attack. Resources include an article, printable posters, podcasts, and other materials.

### **Ambush Attacks Against Law Enforcement Officers**



#### **[Ambushes of Police Officers: Environment, Incident Dynamics, and the Aftermath of Surprise Attacks Against Law Enforcement Officers](#)**

The [U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services \(COPS Office\)](#) reports that ambush attacks against law enforcement officers remain a threat to officer safety, with the number of attacks per year holding steady since a decline in the early 1990s and the proportion of fatal attacks on officers attributable to ambushes increasing. Concerns about targeted violence against officers are on the rise, while officers must not only be guardians of the public but also be prepared to respond to violence targeting them. In an era of strained

community relations and struggles with police officer legitimacy, violence against officers is of particular concern. Yet, little research has examined ambush attacks as a specific and particularly directed form of violence against officers. The current study addresses that gap in the research literature through a mixed-methods study of ambush attacks against law enforcement officers. [Read more](#)

## Mission Essential Topics for Research

Your continued professional development and training are critical to your safety and well-being, as well as that of your fellow officers and the community you serve. These topics are in areas that you may want to further research and explore.

### Safety, Health, and Wellness



#### [Safety, Health, and Wellness Strategic Research Plan](#)

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) has developed the *Safety, Health, and Wellness Strategic Research Plan* to describe the current and projected efforts of NIJ to promote the safety, health, and wellness of individuals affected by or employed within the criminal justice system. NIJ's mission for safety, health, and wellness is dedicated to the development of knowledge and tools to promote safety, health, and wellness for law enforcement officers and individuals under the supervision of the criminal justice system, as well as those in contact with or affected directly or indirectly by the criminal justice system. [Read more](#)

### Health, Safety, and Wellness Programs



#### [Health, Safety, and Wellness Program Case Studies in Law Enforcement](#)

We know that police work is tough, stressful, and dangerous. Officers are put in dangerous situations every day, whether arresting an armed suspect, responding to a domestic violence call, chasing a wanted felon, or running into a burning building to evacuate residents. Few can argue with the dangers these activities pose; however, when we think of officer wellness and safety, we must go beyond the immediate dangers in the field and recognize the stress and psychological strain these activities can cause. [Read more](#)

# Register for Training

- [VALOR Essentials: Officer Safety, Wellness, and Resiliency Training | November 2–3, 2017 | Arlington, Texas](#)
- [VALOR Supplemental Training | November 6, 2017 | Warrenton, Virginia](#)
- [VALOR Essentials: Officer Safety, Wellness, and Resiliency Training | November 8–9, 2017 | Arlington, Texas](#)

New on [valorforblue.org](http://valorforblue.org)



**A new online training module is available NOW!**

The [VALOR Program](#) has released the [Combating Complacency](#) eLearning module geared to law enforcement officers.



## Combating Complacency

During this roll-call training, law enforcement officers will review information and techniques that can enhance their safety by understanding the risks of becoming complacent and how to fight complacent tendencies. You will learn:

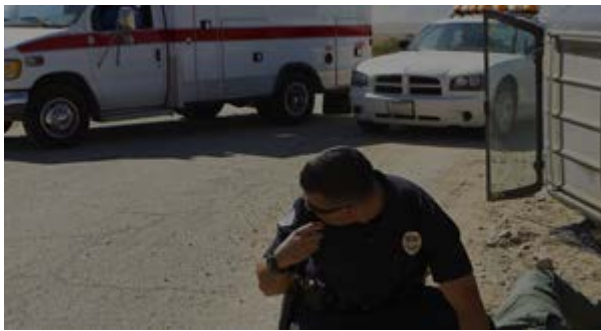
- The dangers of complacency
- To recognize complacent tendencies and how to combat them
- The daily duties in which you may be becoming complacent

# Have You Seen This?



## [Webinar Recording: Exploring Active Shooter Response and Training](#)

(law enforcement sensitive)



## [Webinar Recording: Street Survival: Casualty Care](#)

(law enforcement sensitive)



## **T3—Tact, Tactics, and Trust™ Training**

### **Basic Introductory Course**

Monday, November 20, 2017, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Columbus Police Academy  
1000 North Hague Avenue  
Columbus, OH 43204

[Find out more about this training and register now!](#)

### **Basic Introductory Course**

Monday, December 4, 2017, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Aurora Public Safety Training Center  
25950 East Quincy Avenue  
Aurora, CO 80016

[Find out more about this training and register now!](#)



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