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## Current Events

### Vest Wear

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#### **[Texas Officer Saved by Bullet-Resistant Vest in Ambush-Style Attack](#)**

Officer Stephen Magnes, a Calvert, Texas, police officer, was shot in the back in what is described as an ambush-style attack on New Year's Day. Officer Magnes was treated and released, only suffering from bruising after his bullet-resistant vest prevented more serious injury. [Read more](#)

### Officer Safety

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#### **[Deadly Calls: Domestic Disputes Among the Most Dangerous Assignments for Police Officers](#)**

Of the 64 firearms-related killings of police officers in 2016, domestic disputes topped the list of circumstances ending in an officer's death, according to a report by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF). [Read more](#)

## Body-Worn/Dashboard Cameras



### **Police Videos: Public Record or Police Property?**

The long delay in the public release of body-camera video points to a broader question that has vexed many police departments, civil liberties advocates, and elected officials: Under what circumstances should footage from police body- and dashboard cameras be made public, and how much should be shared? [Read more](#)

## Attacks on Law Enforcement



### **Study Finds That the Number of Law Enforcement Officers Killed by Firearms Rose in 2016**

The number of law enforcement officers shot and killed in the line of duty increased sharply in 2016, relative to 2015, according to a preliminary report from the NLEOMF. [Read more](#)

## Health



### **After Retirement: Planning for Life's Next Phases**

Living longer and healthier means life goes on long after you earn your "retiree" badge. It is best to start considering how you will spend the three or four decades afterward, well before pulling the pin. For most police officers, retirement no longer means sleeping in and days spent on the golf course or a fishing boat. For most officers, retirement begins "Career Phase II." [Read more](#)

**Register** for  
Training

- [VALOR Officer Safety Executive Session | January 23, 2017 | Forsyth, Georgia](#)
- [VALOR Officer Safety Executive Session | January 31, 2017 | East Hartford, Connecticut](#)
- [VALOR Essentials | February 7–9, 2017 | Albuquerque, New Mexico](#)
- [VALOR Essentials | February 14–16, 2017 | Georgetown, Texas](#)
- [VALOR Essentials | February 27 – March 1, 2017 | Forsyth, Georgia](#)
- [VALOR Essentials | March 14–16, 2017 | Montgomery, Alabama](#)
- [VALOR Officer Safety Executive Session | March 21, 2017 | Mesa, Arizona](#)
- [VALOR Essentials | March 21–23, 2017 | Mesa, Arizona](#)
- [VALOR Essentials | March 28–30, 2017 | Little Rock, Arkansas](#)

## Save the Date:

- VALOR Essentials | April 2017 | Tallahassee, Florida



### [Increase Your Safety, Wear Your Vest—A Survivor's Story](#)

This Webinar recording includes overviews from Mr. Joseph Husted of the Office of Justice Programs, [Bulletproof Vest Partnership \(BVP\) Program](#), on how to obtain funding to purchase vests for your department. In addition, Lieutenant Vann Streety, from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, recounts how his vest and mind-set helped him survive a brutal assault in which he was shot six times in the line of duty.



### [Spotlight on Safety—Vest Wear](#)

**The BJA VALOR Program introduces the latest Spotlight on Safety, Vest Wear!** 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 materials.

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