



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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## Current Events

### Presidential Executive Order



#### **[Presidential Executive Order on Preventing Violence Against Federal, State, Tribal, and Local Law Enforcement Officers](#)**

On February 9, 2017, President Donald Trump issued an executive order on Preventing Violence Against Federal, State, Tribal, and Local Law Enforcement. [Read more](#)

### De-Escalation



#### **[Police Use De-Escalation to Stop Stabbing Threat at a Roseville, Minnesota, Mall](#)**

A scary situation unfolded when a man threatened people with a knife at a Roseville, Minnesota, mall. Roseville police officers safely intervened, thanks to their crisis intervention training. [Read more](#)

## Health



### **[For Law Enforcement Officers, Exposure to Stressful Situations Dysregulates Cortisol Pattern](#)**

For most people, cortisol, the vital hormone that controls stress, increases when they wake up. It is the body's way of preparing us for the day. But in police officers who have experienced intense stress on the job, cortisol functions much differently, according to recent research from the University at Buffalo, funded by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). [Read more](#)

## Safety



### **[Statistics Show Drivers Are Still Disobeying Move-Over Laws](#)**

This article was written in Ohio but has safety implications for law enforcement officers throughout the nation. All 50 states have a Move-Over Law. Across the United States, during a nine-year period, 93 law enforcement officers were hit by vehicles and killed while on duty. [Read more](#)

## Ambush Attacks and Bullet-Resistant Vests



### **[Ambush Attacks on Officers: Fresh Data for Mitigating Dangers for Officers and Agencies](#)**

Type "police officer ambush" into an Internet search engine, and you will find numerous stories about a drastic increase in the number of police officers being ambushed. The *Washington Post* reports that police ambushes are at a ten-year high, *USA Today* has written that ambush-style murders of police officers are up 167 percent, and there are similar reports from NBC and Fox News. [Read more](#)

**Register** for  
Training

- [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](#)
- [VALOR Essentials | April 4–6, 2017 | Jackson, Mississippi](#)
- [VALOR Essentials | April 12–14, 2017 | Havana, Florida](#)
- [VALOR Essentials | June 6–8, 2017 | Newberry, South Carolina](#)

## Save the Date:

- VALOR Essentials | May 2017 | Boys Town, Nebraska



The [VALOR Program](#) has released an improved eLearning environment geared toward law enforcement officers, titled [VALOR for BlueLearning](#). It provides access to online training modules, roll calls, and Webinar recordings. The four new modules that have been added this week include:

- **[Roll-Call Training: Active Shooter Events—An Overview](#)**
- **[Online Training: Casualty Care—Tourniquets](#)**
- **[Roll-Call Training: Casualty Care—Recommended Equipment](#)**
- **[Online Training: Mental Health and Wellness](#)**



## Share Your Story

Do you have a story or experience that you wish to share? Your personal story could be used to help other law enforcement officers! Examples of the kinds of stories we are looking for include:

- VALOR skills used in the field
- Assaults or injuries in the line of duty
- Strategies for officer safety, wellness, and resiliency

Use this form to give us a brief description of your experience, and we will follow up with you using your preferred method of contact. **The information you provide will not be made publicly available without consent.**



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