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The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) VALOR Program introduces the latest Spotlight on Safety, [Law Enforcement Professionalism: Set the Standard. Others Will Follow.](#) This series provides information to help law enforcement personnel understand why continued professional development matters to them, their departments, and their communities. Resources include an article, printable posters, podcasts, and other materials.

Professionalism



[Law Enforcement Professionalism: Set the Standard. Others Will Follow.](#)

Police officers can “be the change” they wish to see in the current relationships that they and their agencies have with their communities by understanding a very simple notion about professionalism and officer safety: Being a professional police officer in the 21st century requires commitment to yourself, your fellow officers, and your communities. [Read more](#)

Mission Essential Topics for Research

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

Casualty Care



[Saving Lives: Law Enforcement-Applied Hemorrhage Control](#)

While the path to violence may vary, there is one commonality that most deaths from violence share: hemorrhage. There is nothing more tragic than a death from bleeding except a death from bleeding that could have been prevented. [Read more](#)



[The Effect of Body Armor on Saving Officers' Lives: An Analysis Using Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted \(LEOKA\) Data](#)

Law enforcement officers who wear body armor are 76 percent more likely to survive a bullet to the torso than officers who do not wear the gear, according to a [study](#) from the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago. [Read more](#)

Register for Training

- [VALOR Terrorism-Related Officer Safety Strategies | June 26, 2017 | Hollis, New Hampshire](#)
- [VALOR Terrorism-Related Officer Safety Strategies | June 27, 2017 | Rocky Mount, Virginia](#)
- [VALOR Essentials | June 27–29, 2017 | Harrisburg, Pennsylvania](#)
- [VALOR Executive Session | July 12, 2017 | Glen Burnie, Maryland](#)
- [VALOR Executive Session | July 18, 2017 | Houston, Texas](#)
- [VALOR Essentials | July 18–20, 2017 | Oxford, Mississippi](#)
- [VALOR Terrorism-Related Officer Safety Strategies | July 19, 2017 | Kankakee, Illinois](#)
- [VALOR Terrorism-Related Officer Safety Strategies | July 25, 2017 | Brewer, Maine](#)
- [VALOR Essentials | July 25–27, 2017 | Lakewood, Colorado](#)

- [VALOR Terrorism-Related Officer Safety Strategies | July 28, 2017 | Mesa, Arizona](#)
- [2017 Destination Zero Conference | August 3–4, 2017 | Orlando, Florida](#)
- [VALOR Terrorism-Related Officer Safety Strategies | August 7, 2017 | Garden City, Kansas](#)
- [VALOR Essentials | August 9–11, 2017 | Houston, Texas](#)
- [VALOR Essentials | August 15–17, 2017 | Miami, Florida](#)
- [VALOR Terrorism-Related Officer Safety Strategies | August 21, 2017 | Yakima, Washington](#)
- [VALOR Essentials | August 23–25, 2017 | Crownsville, Maryland](#)

Save the Date:

- VALOR Terrorism-Related Officer Safety Strategies | August 2017 | Nashville, Tennessee
- VALOR Essentials | August 2017 | Portland, Maine
- VALOR Essentials | August 2017 | Indio, California
- VALOR Terrorism-Related Officer Safety Strategies | September 2017 | Salem, Oregon



Destination Zero Conference!

The Bureau of Justice Assistance Destination Zero (DZ) Program is a collaborative effort between the VALOR Officer Safety Program and the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund and was designed to help law enforcement agencies improve the health and safety of their officers across the United States.

The two-day, no-cost conference will offer law enforcement professionals from around the nation an opportunity to hear about successful and/or promising officer safety and wellness programs and meet the people who developed them. Attendees will leave inspired to create, implement, and market programs in their own agencies. [Register now!](#)



VALOR Program Bulletin

Officer Safety Concern: Fentanyl Exposure

Law enforcement officers often come into contact with unknown substances, unaware of hidden hazards. A frightening rise in fentanyl encounters by law enforcement personnel is a cause for alarm because the drug is extremely dangerous, even after a brief exposure. Fentanyl, a drug manufactured for severe pain management, is 50 times stronger than heroin and 100 times stronger than morphine. It is relatively cheap to produce illicitly and efficient to transport. It is often mixed with heroin, so users are unaware that they are inhaling or injecting an even more dangerous, potentially deadly mix or combination of drugs.

[Read more](#)



New Podcast Available!

BJA VALOR Podcast—Active Shooter Response

On November 20, 2014, an active shooter event occurred at Florida State University (FSU). In this episode, FSU Police Chief David Perry discusses the need for training by law enforcement officers, including interagency drills, to effectively prepare for critical incidents and how this training played an integral part in rapidly resolving the event on FSU's campus. Chief Perry also talks about post-event planning and ways to support the affected community after an active shooter situation.

Have You Seen This?



The [VALOR Program](#) has released an improved eLearning environment geared to law enforcement officers, titled [VALOR for BlueLearning](#). It provides access to online training modules, roll calls, and webinar recordings.

- [**Roll-Call Training: Active Shooter Events—An Overview**](#)
- [**Online Training: Casualty Care—Tourniquets**](#)



T3—Tact, Tactics, and Trust™ Training

[**Basic Introductory Course**](#)

Monday, July 24, 2017, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Elstad Auditorium
Gallaudet University
800 Florida Avenue, NE
Washington, DC 20002

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



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