

## Current Events



### Active Shooter

This article describes lessons learned from the viewpoint of the first officer on scene at the San Bernardino, California active shooter incident. For the first time, Lieutenant Mike Madden, discussed the tragic scene and his “hard-earned” recommendations on what law enforcement officers needs to prepare for as the first responding officers.

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### Below 100 Training

The Below 100 training classes focus on bringing the national number of line-of-duty deaths to fewer than 100 each year. The Lakeland, Florida Police Department recently hosted this training, which focused on ways officers can save their own lives and the lives of fellow officers. On average, 150 officers die each year in the line of duty. The last time the national number of officer deaths was below 100 was in 1943. The mission of Below 100 is “to permanently eliminate preventable line-of-duty deaths and injuries through innovative training and awareness.” [Read more](#)



### De-Escalation

National Public Radio’s Renee Montagne talks to former Sheriff Sue Rahr, head of the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission, about the impact the recent that the recent police attacks in Baton Rouge and Dallas are having and how de-escalation plays a role in 21<sup>st</sup> century policing [Read](#)

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### Ambush

According to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, almost half of the gun-related fatalities took place in ambush-style attacks, where the officer was not aware of the assailant. Three officers died such cases in 2015, where 14 have died so far this year. [Read more](#)



### Health

This article discusses PTSD in law enforcement. Officers see and deal with many difficult situations in the course of their careers, and many do not feel the need to reach out for professional help—or they see asking for help as a sign of weakness. Law enforcement officers need to know the signs of PTSD and where they can turn for help. [Read more](#)



- [VALOR Essentials | August 16–18, 2016 | Nashville, Tennessee](#)
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- [VALOR Essentials | September 20 – 22, 2016 | Dearborn, Michigan](#)

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- VALOR Essentials | October 2016 | Wichita, Kansas
- VALOR Essentials | October 2016 | Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- VALOR Essentials | November 2016 | Hartford, Connecticut
- VALOR Essentials | November 2016 | Kansas City, Missouri
- VALOR Essentials | November 2016 | Parma, Ohio
- VALOR Essentials | January 2017 | Miami, Florida

- VALOR Essentials | January 2017 | Georgetown, Texas
- VALOR Essentials | February 2017 | Albuquerque, New Mexico

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

### [Responding to an Active Shooter Event:](#)

#### [First-Officer Considerations](#)

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) VALOR Initiative invites you to join us for a Webinar on August 16, 2016, at 2:00 p.m., ET, to learn about active shooter events and considerations that law enforcement officers should be aware of when responding to an active shooter event.

There has been an increase in the number of active shooter events over the past few years that have killed or seriously injured law enforcement officers and citizens. According to Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) data, there was an average of 11.4 active shooter events from 2000 to 2013. In 2014 and 2015, the average increased to 20 active shooter incidents per year; several events have already occurred in 2016.

As a law enforcement professional, you may be the first to arrive on the scene of an active shooter event, and it is crucial that you be prepared in order to minimize the number of injuries and deaths. The mind-set of an offender in an active shooter event is often that of a mass murderer; therefore, the response to an active shooter event must be swift to mitigate damage.

During this Webinar, leading experts from the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT) Program will discuss:

- Statistics of active shooter events.
- Risks associated with response to active shooter events.
- ALERRT best practices for the first officer arriving on the scene.
- Considerations for off-duty officers.

This BJA-funded Webinar is designed for sworn law enforcement and executive-level law enforcement officers and is available to you at no cost.



On July 15, 2016, the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, VALOR Initiative brought together a panel of nationally recognized law enforcement chiefs to share their experiences in planning for and responding to planned and peaceful mass demonstrations and spontaneous civil unrest in a manner that promotes the protection of civil rights and civil liberties and the public trust and directly impacts public safety and officer safety, resiliency, and wellness. This recorded presentation is **NOW AVAILABLE** on the secure [valorforblue.org](https://www.valorforblue.org) portal at <https://www.valorforblue.org/VALOR-Interest/Mass-Demonstration-Preparedness>.