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Current Events

Vest Wear



[Twenty-Five Things People Didn't Know About Bullet-Resistant Vests](#)

Body armor—it's the one item in a police officer's toolkit that should not be taken for granted. If worn properly, this tool can help save officers' lives. In some departments, officers are not required to wear these vests, and some officers choose not to. However, if more law enforcement officers knew a little more about body armor, they wouldn't be so gun-shy about using it in the line of duty. [Read more](#)

LEOKA Report



[Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted Report Released](#)

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) released its annual [Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted \(LEOKA\)](#) report—this one covering 41 felonious deaths, 45 accidental deaths, and 50,212 line-of-duty assaults of officers during 2015. [Read more](#)

Use of Force



[U.S. Justice Department Will Track Police Killings and Use of Force](#)

Promising information that is more standardized and complete than has previously been available, U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch says the U.S. Department of Justice will collect data on the police use of deadly force in the line of duty. Attorney General [Lynch's announcement](#) amplifies a statement made by FBI Director James Comey at the end of September, [when he told a congressional panel](#) that the bureau is in the process of setting up a database that can track police killings and other use of force during interactions with the public. [Read more](#)

Tourniquet



[Tourniquet Credited With Saving Life of Officer Wounded in Shootout](#)

Boston Police Commissioner William Evans stated that the application of a tourniquet saved the life of one of the officers [wounded in a shootout in East Boston](#)—the officer who applied it had had tourniquet training less than a week before. [Read more](#)

Active Shooter



[Why Law Enforcement Officers Must Enlist Citizens to Help Spot the Warning Signs of Violence](#)

During a memorial service for Jose Gilbert Vega and Lesley Zerebny—two California law enforcement officers who were murdered by a subject during a domestic disturbance call—Palm Springs Police Chief Bryan Reyes asked citizens to watch for and report to police the “red flags” that frequently foreshadow what he called “senseless acts of violence.” [Read more](#)

Register for Training

- [VALOR Essentials | November 15–17, 2016 | Kansas City, Missouri](#)
- [VALOR Executive Session | November 29, 2016 | Parma, Ohio](#)
- [VALOR Essentials | November 29 – December 1, 2016 | Parma, Ohio](#)
- [VALOR Essentials | December 6–8, 2016 | Lewiston, New York](#)

Save the Date:

- VALOR Essentials | February 2017 | Georgetown, Texas
- VALOR Essentials | February 2017 | Albuquerque, New Mexico
- VALOR Essentials | March 2017 | Phoenix, Arizona
- VALOR Essentials | March 2017 | Montgomery, Alabama
- VALOR Essentials | March 2017 | Little Rock, Arkansas

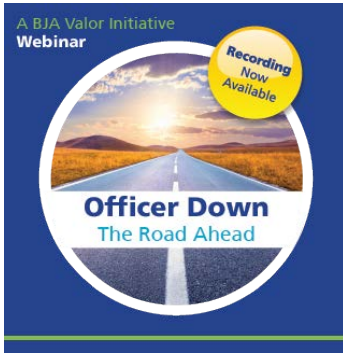
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Spotlight
on **Safety**

Spotlight on Safety—Vest Wear

The BJA VALOR Program introduces the latest Spotlight on Safety Campaign! 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 resource materials.



VALOR Webinar—Officer Down: The Road Ahead

Webinar recording now available! Officer Down: The Road Ahead. Listen to the Webinar from October 12, 2016, on how critical incidents impact the health and wellness of law enforcement officers and the resources that may be available to help you and your agency **Survive and Thrive!**

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