



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. We encourage you to share this e-mail with other members of the law enforcement community.

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Current Events

Vest Wear



[Officer Saved by Bullet-Resistant Vest](#)

A Mount Vernon, New York, man allegedly tried to kill a Westchester County, New York, police officer, as they struggled after a foot chase, by stabbing him multiple times in a bullet-resistant vest protecting his chest. [Read more](#)

Casualty Care



[Saving Officers' Lives: The Value of Tactical Medical Training and Individual First-Aid Kits](#)

Law enforcement agencies across the nation took notice of the military's new tactical medical training protocols, since massive arterial bleeding is one of the most common ballistic injuries to police officers. Recent domestic mass casualty incidents—such as the Orlando nightclub massacre, the Fort Hood shooting, the Boston Marathon bombing, and the vicious attacks on police officers in Dallas, Texas, and Baton Rouge,

Louisiana—have emphasized the importance of equipping police with proper first-aid training and equipment. [Read more](#)

Personal Relationships



[Ten De-Escalation Tactics for Law Enforcement Officers and Their Significant Others](#)

Most law enforcement officers are experts at de-escalation techniques, but sometimes those techniques can seem to disappear when we need them most. Being able to discuss things and to have disagreements that leave both parties feeling good about the situation is what we should be striving for. [Read more](#)

Health and Wellness



[The Role of Supportive Leadership Practices in Maintaining the Health and Wellness of Law Enforcement Personnel and Organizations](#)

As law enforcement continues to develop supportive leaders within all ranks of police service, both sworn and unsworn members will have a better chance of enjoying the return on investment reflected in a better quality of life for all stakeholders in the organization and the communities they serve. [Read more](#)

Communication



[The Invisible Barrier](#)

The inability to communicate can be frustrating or even fatal. This is especially true in communities with transient populations that come to work in tourist locales or take seasonal jobs. As such, law enforcement officers in big cities and small communities alike might struggle with situations in which language becomes a barrier to offering services or conducting investigations. [Read more](#)

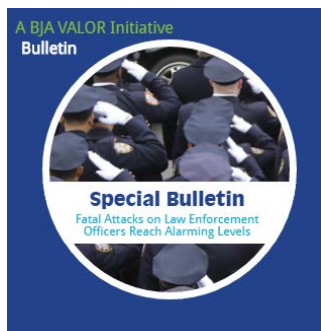
Register for Training

- [VALOR Essentials | December 6–8, 2016 | Lewiston, New York](#)
- [VALOR Essentials | February 14–16, 2017 | Georgetown, Texas](#)

Save the Date:

- 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

New on valorforblue.org



[BJA VALOR Special Bulletin: Fatal Attacks on Law Enforcement Officers Reach Alarming Levels](#)

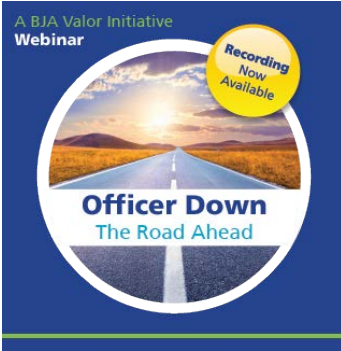
An unprecedented event is plaguing our nation as the number of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty in 2016 reaches shocking levels. So far this year, 58 officers have been killed in the line of duty by gunfire; 20 were ambushed and killed, compared with 6 last year . . . that is more than a 300% increase in ambushes over the previous year. [Read more](#)



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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