



SURVIVING OFF-DUTY ENCOUNTERS

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Off-duty encounters involving law enforcement officers have increased at alarming rates. Whether it's taking immediate action to preserve life or being followed home by a suspect, officers must be prepared to survive these critical incidents. The decision to become involved in an off-duty incident should not be taken lightly based on the limited resources and lack of equipment off-duty officers generally have. Off-duty encounters typically fall into non-critical, important, or critical incidents. Proper assessment and categorization of the incident must be made to determine if an immediate intervention is needed. In many instances off-duty encounters occur when an officer is out with his or her family. This can further impact the assessment of the critical incident. An untimely intervention could expose the officer's family to unnecessary dangers. To help mitigate these risks, officers should develop "off-duty action plans" and discuss the plans with their family members. These plans should include concealed carry options, code words for family members, police identification/badge. Additional items will be discussed during the course. This one-day training course will provide officers the mindset to not only survive physically, but to also be mentally prepared for the aftermath of a critical off-duty incident to include command staff notifications, media, and potential grand jury referrals/indictments. Real-world scenarios will be presented in class to encourage discussions.

TOPICS COVERED

**Off-Duty Survival Mindset
Off-Duty Carry Options
Developing Off-Duty Action Plans
Off-Duty Shooting Debriefs
Proper Incident Assessment
When To Get Involved Off-Duty
Dealing With The Aftermath Of An Off-Duty Incident**

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