Criminal Investigation Of Deadly Force and Officer Involved Shootings

Instructor:
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David Rivers retired as a Detective Sergeant in the Homicide Bureau of the Metropolitan Dade County Police Department after over 27 years. As a lead investigator and supervisor he assisted in the investigation of several hundred homicides, suicides, accidental and other death investigations. In 1988 David was assigned as Supervisor of the “Cold Case Squad” which was responsible for the continuing investigation of information received on over 1,800 open homicides dating back to 1951. He has consulted on cases in the United States, Canada, Holland and the United Kingdom. He has a Bachelor of Science degree from Nova Southeastern University and a Masters of Science degree from Florida International University, both in Criminal Justice. David is a charter member and past board director member of the International Homicide Investigator’s Association. He is a current member of the Florida Homicide Investigator’s Association as well as numerous other state associations. He is a member of the Association of Crime Scene Reconstructionists, American Society of Law Enforcement Trainers, Vidocq Society, International Police Association (I.P.A.), Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, American College of Forensic Examiners (A.C.F.E.), Diplomat, Board Certified Forensic Examiner (B.C.F.E.), certified as an expert by the A.C.F.E. in homicide procedures. On September 22, 1987 he achieved “Fellow” status with A.C.F.E.

June 16, 17 & 18, 2009
Norman, Oklahoma

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Training Goals and Objectives:

There is arguably no single event that can traumatize a police agency more than a police officer involved shooting incident. The criticism and intense scrutiny generated by the media, community activists, the general public, and the criminal justice system itself, can be enormous. Civil judgments resulting from such cases can debilitate a police organization for years, have an adverse effect on employee morale, and hamper agency effectiveness through the erosion of public opinion. It is, therefore, imperative that every police department prepare in earnest for this inevitable eventuality. It is also essential that the investigator charged with the task of leading a police officer involved investigation become as equally prepared.

The purpose of this course is to provide attendees with a basic investigative model that is applicable to all officer involved shootings incidents, regardless of the size of their department. Police officer involved shootings are vastly different from any other type of investigation. The stakes for the shooting officer and his department are so high that it is imperative that the investigation be conducted in a prescribed manner. This course will provide those in attendance with the knowledge, skills and confidence necessary to handle any deadly force incident.

Training Audience, Format and Content:

This course is intended for those investigators who are specifically assigned to the criminal investigation of officer involved shootings and in-custody deaths. It is also appropriate for those detectives or uniform personnel who may be required to assist in these types of investigations. Crime scene technicians, medical examiner/coroner investigators, supervisors, military investigators, criminal analysts, and prosecuting attorney’s would also benefit from the training.

This course is designed in 2½ day sessions. Instruction is provided through the use of a PowerPoint presentation that makes liberal use of authentic crime scene photographs. This insures that the topics discussed are portrayed as realistically as possible. Numerous handouts and video tapes are used as instructional aids. There are no pre-requisites to this course. Students should be forewarned that the content of this course contains numerous death scene photographs that are highly graphic and intense. Due to the sensitive nature of this material, attendance is restricted to sworn law enforcement personnel, or those directly involved in the criminal justice system.

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**Seminar Agenda**

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**Tuesday, June 16, 2009**

8:00 a.m.—8:30 a.m.  Registration

8:30 a.m.—9:30 a.m.  Introduction  
12 High Risk Critical Tasks

9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m.  Statistics, History and Facts Regarding Deadly Force

10:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.  Off Duty v. On Duty Confrontations

11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.  Lunch (On Your Own)

12:30 p.m.—1:30 p.m.  Fatigue and the Police

1:30 p.m.—2:30 p.m.  Police Culture (What Makes Us Different)

2:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m.  Police Shooting Teams

3:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m.  Search Warrants & Warrant Service

**Wednesday, June 17, 2009**

8:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m.  Suicide By Cop

9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.  Shootings By Federal Agents

10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.  Interviewing Shooting and Witness Officers  
Perceptual Distortion (Tunnel Vision and Tunnel Hearing)  
Proper Documentation

11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.  Lunch (On Your Own)

12:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m.  Police Shooting Investigations  
Stabilization Investigation  
Preparing For Court and/or Inquest  
The Officer as a Victim  
Family Notification  
Other “In Custody Deaths”

**Thursday, June 18, 2009**

8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.  Analysis of the April 11, 1986 FBI Shooting in Miami

12:00 p.m.  Certificate Presentation

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1. **On-line Registration** at www.putc.com — Yellow/Blue link in corner

2. **Fax Form** to Public Agency Training Council  
FAX: 1-317-821-5096

3. **Mail Form** to  
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5101 Decatur Blvd, Ste. L  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46241  
Federal ID# 35-1907871

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800-365-0119 (Outside Indianapolis)

**Seminar Title:**  
Officer Involved Shootings

**Instructor:**  
David Rivers

**Seminar Location:**  
Absentee Shawnee Tribal Events Center / Casino  
Norman, OK 73069  
1-405-366-4104

**Hotel Reservations:**  
NCED/ Marriott  
2801 E Hwy 9  
Norman, OK 73069  
1-405-366-4104  
$78.00 Single w/Breakfast

**Registration Fee:**  
$295.00 Includes Hand-outs, Deadly Force and Officer Involved Shooting Investigations Manual, Coffee Breaks, and Certificate of Completion.

**Names of Attendees**

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**Agency**

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(Must Be Completed)

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