



# **Constitutional Use of Force**

This eight hour, reality based course separates fact from fiction about Case Law, The Use of Force and Human Performance Under Stress.

Focusing on Supreme Court decisions and applicable state statutes this course strives to help limit your exposure to excessive and unnecessary uses of force and as a result, avoid litigation. From practical application on the street for line officers through force investigations, students will develop working knowledge of the constitutional parameters for using force. In addition, scientific factors affecting human performance during dynamic and evolving force events will be examined as well as the impact of video on investigations and public perception.

Discover the Science of Police and Human Performance under Stress. Using real incidents, you'll learn the mind and body's limitations and normal response when using force. This course is constantly evolving and delivers video recorded current incidents, case studies, and small group discussion:

- **Constitutional and Relevant Laws:**
  - Reality v. Myths
  - Graham v. Connor
  - Case studies
- **Human Performance Factors:**
  - What does the research tell us?
  - Physiologic Responses to Stress
  - Perceptual Distortions
- **Use of Video Recording:**
  - Public Perception and Video Analysis
  - Limitations
- **Excessive Force and Deadly Force:**
  - Cost to Agency
  - Constitutional Limitations
  - Investigative Process
- **Use of Force with Disabled Persons:**
  - Resistance v. Combativeness
  - Recognizing a Person in Crisis
  - Excited Delirium
- **Report Writing:**
  - Key Elements to Creating a Sound Report
  - How Your Report will be Used
- **Electronic Control Weapons:**
  - Drive Stun v. Dart Mode
  - Taser, Baton, OC, etc.
  - Deposition Tactics