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Investigating Officer-Involved Shootings

Instructors: Jeff Robinson & AnnMarie Howard

September 19-21, 2018 (8:00-17:00)

**Hosted by: St. Louis County & Municipal
Police Academy**

(St. Louis, Missouri)

This instructor led course will provide the experienced officer/investigator with the necessary knowledge and skills to conduct the most thorough, non-biased OIS investigation possible. This course focuses on the benefits of using the “team” or “task force” approach to OIS investigations. We will start from the initial OIS call out, proceed through all the steps and legalities of the investigative process, and end with a prosecutor presenting a recent OIS 2-week jury trial.

An officer-involved shooting is one of the most important investigations you will ever be involved in. Are you ready?

PURPOSE

The purpose of this course is to provide an experienced officer/investigator with the necessary knowledge and skills to conduct the most thorough, non-biased OIS investigation possible.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will focus on the benefits of using a “team” or “task force” approach to OIS investigations. There are several methods currently in use throughout the nation, such as the homicide model or the homicide and internal affairs model. Although these may be great investigative models, these “in-house” models have an inherent bias, even though a bias may not truly exist. These models are an invitation for the public and the media to create bias or a conspiracy theory for the department. An independent, outside body investigating and analyzing the OIS is the best way to overcome these perceptions.

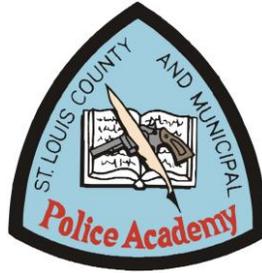
We will be reviewing real cases to illustrate how to investigate different types of officer-involved shootings. Please be aware this course has extremely graphic picture and video content. This course contains officer-involved shooting case studies with numerous death scene photographs and videos that are intense and highly graphic. We will discuss legal, civil, and criminal implications associated with an OIS. A prosecutor will present a recent OIS two-week jury trial wherein a deputy was killed, another deputy was shot, and one of the two suspects was killed.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Demonstrate proper incident response, establish proper scene security, scene documentation, scene management, evidence collection & processing
- Discuss establishing the legal right to stay on scene (search warrants, written consent)
- Use of deadly force and case law (Graham v. Connor, Tennessee v. Garner, etc.)
- Discuss the public safety statement and officer crime scene walk through
- Discuss effective ways and techniques to process an OIS scene
- Demonstrate proper techniques for interviewing witnesses and involved officers- free recall, when to interview, etc.
- Recognize the role of OIS scene analysis and reconstruction
- Understand OIS investigations are 3 investigations- criminal (suspect), criminal (officer), and internal/administrative
- Discuss the methods of current OIS investigations and the benefits of a team or task force approach
- Discuss the issues of human dynamics in OIS incidents- perceptual distortions, stress, fear & arousal, and memory issues
- Discuss post-incident behavior- both involved and uninvolved officers
- Discuss how to handle officers injured or killed from officer-involved shootings
- Understand the role of media in officer-involved shootings- when to release info and how much
- Discuss agency training policies related to officer-involved incidents
- Discuss new challenges with the use of body worn cameras
- Discuss how to make your case the best possible case for trial



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Course Location

St. Louis County & Municipal Police Academy

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INSTRUCTORS

Jeff Robinson recently retired as sworn Utah police officer with over 33 years of service. He started his law enforcement career with the Brigham Young University Police Department. He served as a patrol officer for 4 years before he was hired as a deputy with the Utah County Sheriff's Office. He served as a patrol deputy, a detective, and as a member of the SWAT team. After 4 years with the sheriff's office, Jeff moved over to be an investigator in the Bureau of Investigations at the Utah County Attorney's Office. Jeff was a Sergeant for 8 year before he was selected to head up the Bureau of Investigations as the Bureau Chief. He served as the Bureau Chief for the remaining 17 years of his career. Jeff worked in a county with a population of nearly 600,000 residents in 22 cities. He has worked patrol, detectives, SWAT, internal affairs, political corruption, death/homicide investigations, and white-collar crimes. For the last 17 years, Jeff was the Incident Commander of a 70+ member county officer-involved shooting task force. For the majority of his career, Jeff has worked in investigations. Jeff was also involved in an officer-involved shooting which gives him a unique perspective having been on both sides of the investigation. He is certified as a Force Science Analyst by the Force Science Institute©. Jeff is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, Session 194.

AnnMarie Howard is the Chief Deputy Juab County Attorney in Utah. She began working as a prosecutor for Juab County (south of Salt Lake City) in 1996. She has prosecuted in juvenile court, justice court, and district court. AnnMarie works for a small jurisdiction with a main interstate passing through, which provides her the opportunity to prosecute a variety of cases such as murder, drug trafficking, sexual assault, domestic violence, and poaching, to name a few. Her current assignment is prosecuting juvenile and adult offenders with a focus on special victim cases. AnnMarie is a graduate of J. Reuben Clark Law School in Provo, Utah, and has practiced both civil and criminal law. She is an appointee to the Utah Prosecutor Policy Advisory Committee with the Utah Prosecution Council. She graduated from Train the Trainer, Automobile Homicide Prosecutor Course, and Forensic Child Interviewing. She served as a member of the 4th District Court Pro Bono Commission and is currently on the Board of Directors for Self-Help Homes. She has served in her community and in the public schools in various elected positions. She has also taught as a certified R.A.D. Kids instructor. She and her husband are the parents of 5 children: 3 are students at Brigham Young University, one in high school, and one in elementary school. She enjoys traveling and some of her favorite locations are Samoa, Italy, France, and Switzerland. When given the opportunity, she enjoys hiking the many mountain trails in Utah.

****Instructors may be substituted because of schedule changes****

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Officers, deputies, detectives, agents, investigators, coroners/medical examiners, crime scene personnel, first line supervisors, supervisors, command staff, and prosecuting attorneys. Due to the sensitive nature of the subject matter, attendance is restricted to sworn, civilian, and military law enforcement personnel or those who are directly involved in the criminal justice system.

DATE: **September 19-21, 2018 (Wednesday-Friday)**

HOTEL: [Hampton Inn and Suites Clayton/St Louis-Galleria Area](#) (314) 727-0700

TUITION: **\$375.00** per person** **NOTE:** The seat is not guaranteed until the tuition is paid. Unless otherwise arranged with Code 4 Consultants, students accepted to attend the course must pay the course fee by September 1, 2018.

MATERIALS: Attendees will receive a comprehensive course manual, online access to OIS forms & checklists, and a certificate of attendance.

TO REGISTER: Go to www.code4consultants.com and click the Register tab. Fill out the registration form and then click on Payment tab to pay for the course. Click [HERE](#) to register now!

****Agencies sending 4 or more officers can receive tuition discounts****