



FORCE SCIENCE[®]

CERTIFICATION COURSE

LEARN THE **SCIENCE** BEHIND HUMAN BEHAVIOR
AND **PERFORMANCE** DURING FORCE ENCOUNTERS.



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Mississippi Law Enforcement
Officer Training Academy

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Overview

Encounters involving the use of force are often very brief and violent. Law enforcement officers must give their utmost in response, perception, decision-making, and performance to protect themselves and ensure the public's safety. Judgments passed on actions in these situations, whether in administrators' offices, courts, media coverage, or among citizens, are often made quickly before the facts are gathered and without foundation in the science of human behavior or performance under stress.

Course Goal

The primary objective of this intensive course is to prepare law enforcement professionals to understand human factor dynamics more thoroughly and completely while investigating cases involving the use of force. Participants will learn to promote peak performance in pressurized situations and understand what actually occurs in tense and emotionally charged use-of-force events. This preparation allows graduates to draw clear, accurate, and concise conclusions in their investigations.

Course Approach

The course materials are delivered through a series of learning blocks, including lectures, visual presentations, and clinical case studies. Expert instructors will help learners identify and understand physical and psychological phenomena associated with human behavior and demonstrate how these can impact performance under stress.

The course will use research and input from a group of experts to teach the following concepts and more:

- Why individuals may recall facts they believe to be the truth when their accounts conflict with forensic evidence.
- The advisability of making site visits or video reviews before a video statement is recorded.
- What sleep and memory research says about timing interviews after significant events.
- What stress-induced visual and auditory anomalies are, and how to deal with them during interviews.
- Successful interview techniques for an accurate and thorough recollection of details in force encounters.
- Whether shots to the back really reflect what shooters saw when they fired.
- How to avoid critical mistakes during post-incident interviews.
- The facts about use of force decisions: How long it takes to start and stop actions.
- How to enhance decision-making through police officer training.

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