

AELE Workshop  
Legal, Psychological and Biomechanical Aspects  
of Officer-Involved  
**Lethal and Less Lethal Force**

**Revised Agenda**

**Monday**

- 8:00 AM     **Registration** at hotel Conference Center (off the main hotel lobby, up the escalator)
- 9:00 AM     Wayne W. Schmidt, AELE staff representative  
**Welcome and program introduction**
- AELE resources, Workshop CD-ROM,
  - AELE website, links and references
- 9:40 AM     Judge Emory A. Plitt, Jr.  
**Legal aspects of the use of lethal and less-lethal force**
- Federal claims, state claims, tactics, devices
  - Use of force investigations, policies and continuums
- 10:00 AM    Break
- 10:15 AM    **Legal aspects of use of force continued**  
(Emory A. Plitt, Jr.)
- 11:15 AM    Break
- 11:30 AM    Kris Pitcher, Captain, LAPD Force Investigations Division  
**Use of force investigations**
- Types of investigations
  - What to investigate
  - Officer rights and recommended procedures
  - The review process
  - Investigation strategies and procedures
- 12:15 PM    Lunch – Complimentary for all attendants
- 1:30 PM     **Use of force investigations - continued**  
(Kris Pitcher)
- 2:30 PM     Break
- 2:40 PM     **Use of force investigations - continued**  
(Kris Pitcher)
- 3:30 PM     Break

- 3:40 PM Dr. Alexis Artwohl, Ph.D.  
**Psychology of combat and the dynamics of violent encounters**
- Perceptual and memory distortions during critical incidents
  - Impact of psychological issues on investigations of lethal encounters and deadly force
  - Statements after critical incidents

4:40 PM Conclude for the day

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## Tuesday

- 8:00 AM Dr. Alexis Artwohl  
**Psychology of combat and the dynamics of violent encounters - continued**
- 9:00 AM Break
- 9:15 AM Dr. John Peters, Ph.D.  
**Historical overview and profiles of victims of sudden in-custody deaths**
- Tactics, protocols, techniques impacting phenomena of sudden in-custody deaths
  - Proactive responses to medical, behavioral and legal theories of sudden in-custody deaths
  - Excited delirium
- 10:10 AM Break
- 10:20 AM **Dr. John Peters - continued**
- 11:10 AM Break
- 11:20 AM Eric Daigle, Attorney and use of force consultant  
**Legal issues and current developments in the use of electronic control devices (ECD)**
- ECD training standards and recommendations
  - Tactical use - vulnerable subjects
  - ECD testing and functioning
  - ECD policies
  - Pros and cons of ECD use
  - Litigation examples
- 12:15 PM Lunch – Complimentary for all attendants
- 1:30 PM **Eric Daigle - continued**
- 2:30 PM Break
- 2:40 PM Greg Meyer  
**Biomechanical aspects of use of force encounters**
- Dynamics of body movement that affect use of force decisions
  - After action investigations involving shot placement, body wounds and shots at vehicles

- Dynamics of unintended discharges
- Expended cartridge casings and investigative consequences
- Contradictions in officer and witness statements
- Studies and resources involving the dynamics of performance and reactions in use of force encounters

3:30 PM Break

3:40 PM **Greg Meyer - continued**

4:40 PM Conclude for the day

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### Wednesday

8:00 AM W. Ken Katsaris, Course Tactics and Content Consultant  
**Applications, procedures and legal issues of use of force involving the mentally ill, the emotionally disturbed, the substance abuser, and the suicidal (including suicide by cop)**

- Contemporary issues concerning use of force continuums and emerging models of continuums
- The impact of continuums in use of force litigation
- Specific officer-involved shooting investigation techniques and the role they may play in use of force litigation
- Types of investigations – internal, use of force, criminal, administrative
- Videotaping and re-enactments
- Officer and witness statements
- Use of alternatives (batons, pepper spray, etc.)

9:00 AM Break

9:15 AM **W. Ken Katsaris - continued**

10:00 AM Break

10:10 AM **W. Ken Katsaris - continued**

11:00 AM **Program concludes**

Notes: The program begins at 8:00 AM on both Tuesday and Wednesday. Attendants may bring a laptop for note-taking but there are only a few electrical outlets in the meeting room.

The meeting room wifi is separate from the guest room wifi.