

# AELE LAW ENFORCEMENT LEGAL CENTER

Legal, Psychological and Biomechanical  
Aspects of Officer-Involved

## Lethal and Less Lethal Force

### A THREE DAY PROGRAM FOR...

- Police and Sheriff Command Staff
- City and County Attorneys
- Police Legal Advisors
- Risk Managers

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### LAS VEGAS

March 9-11, 2009

October 26-28, 2009

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## PROGRAM CONTENT

This AELE program concentrates on the latest research, technology, training, procedures, legal and policy issues of lethal and less lethal force confrontations. The psychology of combat, the role of biomechanics, and action/reaction on officer perception will be de-mystified. The nationally known faculty will discuss the ever-present legal, political and practical concerns.

### Legal Standards of Use of Force: The Basics

- Federal use of force standards
- Foreseeable consequences of excessive force
- The impact of consent decree litigation
- Legal aspects of medical care

### Case Law Analysis: Lethal and Less Lethal Force

- Liability: Physical, Electronic, Restraint, and Chemical Applications
- Dissecting and applying Supreme court standards: "reasonable officer" vs. "reasonable man," "deliberate indifference" and "deadly force" decisions

### Psychology During Critical Incidents

- Psychology of combat and the dynamics of violent encounters
- Research from hundreds of officer-involved shootings
- Perceptual and memory distortions during critical incidents
- Psychological aspects of conducting investigations after lethal encounters
- Resolving contradictions in officer and witness statements
- FBI wound ballistic studies
- The role of psychology of fear on deadly force decisions

### Bio-Mechanical Implications and Explanations of the Confrontations

- Dynamics of body movement, perception and vehicle movement changing shot placement during deadly vehicle encounters
- Research explaining shots in the back during a frontal attack
- The dynamics of unintended discharges during critical incident confrontations
- Cutting-edge studies

### TASER® Policy, Procedures, Research

- Policy recommendations
- The deployment decision
- Placement on use of force continuum
- Carrying, drawing, warnings
- Youthful confrontations
- Medical implications and research
- Quality of the device vs. quality of the media exposure
- What are the realistic alternatives?
- TASER® training requirements and needs
- The TASER®: An independent review

### Sudden and In-Custody Deaths

- Physiological, psychological and tactical issues
- Defining root causes, profiles, and at-risk behaviors
- Individual behaviors vs. officer intervention tactics
- Revelations of medical research
- Defenses to the legal onslaught
- Proactive response recommendations for reporting and investigating
- Retooling policy, procedure and training
- Taming the media frenzy
- The civil complaint: a one-sided presentation

### Behaviors Implicating Less Lethal Force Options

- Mentally ill and emotionally disturbed persons
- Suicidal persons and "suicide by cop"
- Alcohol and drug influenced
- Case studies dissected

### Use of Force Continuum

- Emerging models and designs
- Training guide vs. policy initiative
- Use and conflicts during courtroom testimony
- Device, tool, tactics, recommendations for placement on the continuum

### Deadly and Less-Lethal Devices, Techniques, and Strategies: Policy, Procedure, Training, Successes, and Abuses

- Neck restraints
- Nets
- Electronic restraints
- Delivery systems: lethal, less lethal, non-lethal
- Chemical restraints
- Lawsuit avoidance or lawsuit generator?
- Technology, training, applications, field effectiveness

### The Aftermath of Lethal and Less Lethal Force Applications

- Policy recommendations
- Contemporary legal, procedural, and investigative strategies
- Internal vs. review board vs. criminal investigations: Legal implications
- Application of the latest research to the investigation of officer-involved shootings

## REMARKS

- ★ **All training will be held at the hotel facility. Registration is from 8:15 to 9:00 a.m. on Monday. Class hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, and 8:00 to 11:40 a.m. on Wednesday.**
- ★ Registration includes luncheons on Monday and Tuesday.
- ★ Training or prior familiarity with legal procedures is not necessary. Instructional techniques are employed that will benefit both lawyers and lay personnel. Ample time will be allowed for questions. Participation by attendants is encouraged.
- ★ Workshop attendance will be limited; seating will be arranged behind narrow tables to facilitate discussion. If a larger number of persons register than can be accommodated, those in geographical proximity will receive preference.

## WORKSHOP MATERIALS

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Each attendant will be provided:

- ★ Workbook containing copyrighted lecture outlines and case citations
- ★ CD-ROM containing extensive source material, relevant cases, and in-depth articles
- ★ Certificate of Attendance
- ★ Directions for accessing legal research through the AELE comprehensive web page for case review/research, experts, and legal, procedural, and tactical web site links

## MANDATORY CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

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- ★ AELE has received approval for this course in Nevada and AELE has been approved as a CLE provider in California. Other states with MCLE and In-Service requirements have accredited our seminars in prior years. For additional information, see [www.aele.org/cle.html](http://www.aele.org/cle.html)

## FACULTY

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<b>Alexis Artwohl, Ph.D.</b>	Principal, Survival Triangle Training; former Psychologist, Portland, OR, Police Bureau; co-author of the book, <i>Deadly Force Encounters</i> and author of widely acclaimed articles such as <i>No Recall of Weapon Discharge</i> and <i>Perceptual and Memory Distortions in Officer-Involved Shootings</i> .
<b>Michael Brave, J.D.</b>	National Litigation Counsel for TASER International, and President of LAAW International; former Chief of the Intelligence and Investigative Operations Unit, DoJ Office of Enforcement Operations. He has extensive experience as a defense attorney, risk and litigation consultant and expert witness. He has taught at annual meetings of ASLET and ILEETA.
<b>W. Ken Katsaris, M.S.</b> (Tactics Advisor)	Former county Sheriff of Florida's Capital; veteran officer of city, county, and state law enforcement; retained in all fifty states as expert and/or litigation consultant; current regional academy instructor; former Florida Highway Patrol, IACP, and Calibre Press instructor.
<b>Bill Lewinski, Ph.D.</b>	Founder of the Force Science Research Center; Professor in the Law Enforcement Program at Minnesota State University, Mankato. He has conducted extensive research on the behavioral aspects of lethal force encounters and has written articles for Police Marksman and other publications.
<b>Greg Meyer, M.S.P.A.</b>	Retired Captain with the Los Angeles Police Academy. Member of the National Advisory Board of the Force Science Research Center. He specializes in risk-management issues including policy, training, equipment, tactics, and supervision, with a focus on injury reduction during lethal and nonlethal encounters.
<b>John G. Peters, Jr., Ph.D.</b>	President and Chief Learning Officer of the Institute for the Prevention of In-Custody Deaths. Dr. Peters, a former police officer, deputy sheriff, and police administrator, has many years of criminal justice training experience, and is frequently called upon to be an expert witness. He has authored several books and more than a hundred articles and informational videos.
<b>Emory A. Plitt, Jr.</b> (Course Director)	Judge, Harford County Circuit Court, Maryland; former General Counsel, Maryland Department of Public Safety & Correctional Services and former County Attorney. Past Chair, IACP Legal Officers Section. Lecturer for FBI, IACP and AELE. More than 35 years experience in civil liability, discipline, and personnel litigation in public safety agencies.

*(Because of trial schedule changes or other unplanned events,  
we may have to engage substitute speakers with similar knowledge and experience.)*

# Lethal and Less Lethal Workshop Registration Information

Telephone (800) 763-2802  
or (847) 685-0700

Fax (24 Hours) (800) 763-3221  
or (847) 685-9700

## HOTEL

Upon registering with AELE you will receive an attendant's memo outlining the workshop activities. Hotel reservations are the individual registrant's responsibility and should be made as soon as possible.

The Orleans Hotel & Casino is located at 4500 W. Tropicana Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89103, (800) 675-3267 or (702) 365-7111. Please note: Due to promotional pricing offers, rates could be lower if booked by phone or on an Internet hotel site without the group code.

**March 2009:** A limited number of rooms have been reserved if booked before February 4, 2009 at a maximum rate of \$72 per night, single or double occupancy, plus a 9% room tax (Sunday through Tuesday). The group code "9AELC03" must be used to obtain this rate.

**October 2009:** A limited number of rooms have been reserved if booked before September 23, 2009 at a maximum rate of \$72 per night, single or double occupancy, plus a 9% room tax (Sunday through Tuesday). The group code "9AEEC10" must be used to obtain this rate.



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This form can be completed online. Put your mouse pointer on a blank line and then type your information. Then print the form and fax it to 1-800-763-3221 or mail to AELE.

## TUITION

**EARLY REGISTRATION:** Fees for the workshop are: \$795.00 for the first person and \$695.00 for each additional person from the same government agency or private employer (including the attorney for the entity).

• \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is due;  Check enclosed;  Bill agency;  Charge my credit card Purchase Order No. \_\_\_\_\_ (if needed).

VISA, MasterCard or American Express accepted. Credit Card# \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_



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**CANCELLATION POLICY:** The tuition is fully refundable if cancellations are made before Monday, March 2 for the March Workshop, or before Monday, October 19 for the October Workshop. Otherwise, a \$100.00 cancellation fee will be charged per attendant. Upon written request, you may transfer your tuition to a future workshop.

## REGISTRATION FORM

Register me for  March 9-11, 2009  October 26-28, 2009  
(Check one please)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_  Attorney  
 Non-Attorney

Agency or Organization \_\_\_\_\_

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Business Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ **Our Federal Tax ID # is: 36-6140171**

I hereby authorize AELE to confirm my registration (or to send information relating to this seminar) by (a) sending me a fax at the above number, and/or (b) sending me an e-mail, and/or (c) telephoning me at the above number.

Signature (Required): \_\_\_\_\_

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