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Greg Meyer retired in 2006 as a captain with the Los Angeles Police Department. His final assignment was as a captain at the Los Angeles Police Academy. His career spanned 30 years, including eight years as a commanding officer. He continued his service as an LAPD Reserve Officer for seven years after retirement. Currently he is a Specialist Volunteer for the Commanding Officer, LAPD Personnel and Training Bureau, and he is a member of LAPD's Tactics Training Review Committee. He is the outside independent use of force expert for the Long Beach Police Department Chief's Civilian Use of Force Advisory Committee. He is the independent use of force expert reviewer for the Office of the Inspector General, Oakland Police Department.

Since 1989, he has been engaged as a police tactics and procedures expert in numerous lethal and nonlethal police use-of-force litigation cases. Most of his work is for the defense of officers and agencies. On several occasions he has been engaged by plaintiffs and prosecutors (federal and local). He has been an expert witness in several high-profile cases including Rodney King and Johannes Mehserle (the Oakland BART murder case). He has been engaged in more than 200 cases involving shootings, TASERs, arrest-related deaths, and other police procedure matters.

Greg specializes in risk management issues including policy, training, equipment, tactics, supervision, documentation, investigation and review processes, with a focus on injury reduction during lethal and nonlethal encounters. Widely published, he lectures on these subjects. He helped design California POST's 40-hour investigation course for officer-involved shootings and deaths. He was a consultant to the California Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Commission Round Table on Pepper Spray Policy and Training Standards. He is the recipient of Defensive Tactics Newsletter's leadership award for his research in the nonlethal weapons field.

He holds the Certified Force Analyst credential of the Force Science Institute and the Certified Litigation Specialist credential of the Americans for Effective Law Enforcement (AELE). He is a member of AELE's Faculty Advisory Committee and AELE's Monthly Law Journal review panel.

Greg has 35 years of experience with TASER devices. He conducted LAPD's research and testing of TASERs in 1979-1980. He used TASERs on the street when he was a sergeant. In the 1980's and 1990's, he trained and certified hundreds of TASER instructors around the country. Since 2001, he has attended four TASER instructor certification courses.

He is a member of the National Advisory Board of the Force Science Research Center since 2006; a member of the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) since 2004; a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) since 1993; and he has served on the advisory board for "POLICE" magazine since 1997.

Greg chaired the Training Seminars Committee of the Peace Officers Association of Los Angeles County (POALAC) for ten years. He continues to serve as a member of the POALAC board of directors, and he was honored to receive POALAC's Career Achievement Award in 2012.

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