Practical tactics and legal knowledge for handling uncooperative people and those in crisis

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Practical De-Escalation and Tactical Conduct©

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Alameda County Sheriff's Regional Training Center Classroom A
6289 Madigan Rd., Dublin, CA 94568

8am - 5pm | Hosted by the Alameda County Sheriff's Office

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When someone is armed, in crisis, or refusing to follow instructions, officers need to assess the threat, understand their legal authority and obligations, and choose an appropriate response. Sometimes immediate action is necessary, other situations allow for more time to plan.

This course helps patrol officers and supervisors make those decisions. It connects use of force law with the tactical choices officers face on the street.

You'll learn how to assess a situation before making contact, give clear commands, organize responding officers, and develop plans that account for how the person might respond. You'll also practice communication techniques that can help build rapport and encourage voluntary cooperation while maintaining a position of safety.

We take a realistic approach to de-escalation. Officers can create opportunities for cooperation, but they cannot guarantee that a person will cooperate. The course examines how stress and diminished capacity affect behavior, how to prepare when communication does not produce compliance, and when delaying action could increase the danger.

Through incident video reviews, guided discussions, and practical learning activities, you'll evaluate decisions, develop response plans, and explain the legal and tactical reasoning behind your choices.

Course Curriculum Includes:

Understanding the Law

Evaluating imminent threats, understanding when de-escalation is feasible and when not, examining legal/policy/moral obligations, and articulating your force decisions.

Tactical Assessment and Planning

Pre-contact assessments, recognizing when immediate action is needed, using time/distance/barriers to create tactical advantages, coordinating responding officers and assigning clear responsibilities, developing contingency plans, evaluating when breaking contact or disengagement may be appropriate.

Clear Commands and Practical Negotiation

How to give calm, clear, instructions, how your body cam can help or hurt you, a crash course in negotiating, recognizing how stress and diminished capacity can affect understanding and compliance, managing stress for better communication and decision-making.

Space is limited so register today at **SavageTrainingGroup.com**