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USE OF FORCE DECISION-MAKING AND LEGAL UPDATE

For Law Enforcement Officers and
Supervisors in the 9th Circuit

August 19, 2026 | Salinas, CA | 8am - 5pm

Salinas Police Department
312 E. Alisal St., Salinas, CA 93901
Hosted by the Salinas Police Department

\$299/student

Instructor: Brandon Sontag, President of the California Force Instructors Association

Learn the practical takeaways from recent use of force case law.

There is no more hot-button issue in policing than use of force and no more challenging legal environment than the 9th Circuit.

Each year, new case law reshapes how officers are expected to use force, articulate decisions, and defend their actions in court. The problem is not a lack of law. The problem is that officers are rarely shown how to apply that law during real, high-stress encounters on the street.

Use of Force Decision-Making and Legal Update is an intensive 8-hour workshop designed to help officers and supervisors make force decisions that work operationally and hold up under scrutiny on body worn camera and in court.

Participants will examine real incidents, how courts ruled on those incidents, and what officers should be doing differently because of those rulings.

You will not leave with a stack of cases to figure out on your own. You **will** leave with:

- What happened in the incident
- How the court evaluated it
- The practical lessons learned
- Exactly how to apply those lessons on your next shift

Workshop topics include:

Use of Force Law in the 9th Circuit

Civil Liability and Why Agencies Lose

What Cops Don't Understand About Qualified Immunity

What the Law REALLY says About De-escalation

Creating a Soundtrack on BWC

Report Writing That Survives Scrutiny

Body Worn Camera Analysis
In-Custody Deaths

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