



State of California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training

Officer Safety: Hot or Not

Introduction

How well can you identify safety factors and elements of risk in everyday contact? In this course, you will quickly assess scenes that may or may not warrant concern and then analyze your assessment. At the same time, you'll learn about some of the factors that impact officer safety.

Be sure to join the Officer Safety Discussion group to discuss this course and other officer safety topics.

Content Outline

Introduction

- Opening video with statistics and messaging on how to maintain awareness, use clear and accurate communications, identify officer escape routes, recognize and respond to danger signs, request backup, wait for backup, and work as a team to maintain officer safety.

Module 1: Proximity

- Describes the role of proximity in officer safety. Provides considerations for officers to keep in mind to maintain safe proximity.

Module 2: Pedestrian Contact/Interviews

- Describes the role of utilizing cover in officer safety. Provides considerations for officers to keep in mind to maintain safety while stopping pedestrians and conducting interviews.

Module 3: Vehicle Pullovers

- Describes the role of observation and control over vehicle occupants during a stop. Provides considerations for officers to keep in mind during traditional traffic stops.

Module 4: Approaching Subjects

- Describes the role of contact and cover principles in officer safety. Provides considerations for officers to keep in mind when approaching subjects while working patrol or traffic assignments.



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Module 5: Controlling Subjects

- Describes the role of awareness and control of subjects hands in officer safety.
Provides considerations for officers to keep in mind when on duty.

Conclusion