

Practical De-escalation for Law Enforcement

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De-escalation is a method used by law enforcement and first responders to defuse potentially violent or high-risk situations without the use of force. It focuses on **communication**, **calming techniques**, and **non-confrontational approaches** to reduce the likelihood of escalation. The goal is to gain compliance or cooperation from individuals in crisis while ensuring the safety of all involved parties. This Course includes lecture, discussion, video analysis, and scenario-based training.

Course Highlights

- Define tactical de-escalation and discuss current models and trends.
- Apply the priorities of life model to decision-making during critical incidents.
- Utilize communication, positioning, and timing to enhance decision-making.
- Employ principles of ICAT and de-escalation in high-stress situations.
- Demonstrate effective decision-making through scenario-based application.
- The Priorities of Life and Decision-Making Under Stress



Course Instructor: **Lieutenant John Cort** is a seasoned law enforcement professional and combat veteran with over a decade of operational, supervisory, and training experience. He currently serves with the Volusia Sheriff's Office in Central Florida as a lieutenant assigned to the Training Academy. Lt. Cort served as a Captain in the United States Marine Corps, where he led Marines in both domestic and overseas operations, including deployment to Afghanistan as part of an Embedded Training Team (ETT) with the Afghan National Army. Lt. Cort holds specialized training in crisis intervention, tactical operations, and instructor-level certifications in both de-escalation and use of force. He is widely respected for his realistic, principled approach to high-stress encounters, consistently emphasizing the sanctity of human life and the 'Priorities of Life' model in tactical decision-making. He is a proud graduate of the 86th Session of the Senior Management Institute for Police (SMIP) and holds a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from the State University of New York at Albany, as well as a Master's degree in Executive Leadership from Liberty University.