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LEGAL & JUSTIFIABLE USE OF FORCE

DATE: April 8, 2026
TIME: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Town & Country Inn and Suites – Embassy Room
110 N. 54th Street, Quincy, IL
INSTRUCTORS: Jeff Pavletic – Attorney at Law

**MEETS IL MANDATES: Civil Rights (.5 hr.),
Constitutional Use of LE Authority (.5 hr.), Legal
Updates (1 hr.), Procedural Justice (1 hr.), Law
Concerning Stops, searches, and use of force (5 hrs.),
Lead Homicide Investigator (8 hrs.)**

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course addresses law enforcement legal use of force statutory law including up-to-date case law decisions by higher courts. This use of force law update includes videos of Officer-Involved Shootings cases that the instructor has personally handled. This training will focus on US Supreme Court decisions, Federal Appeals cases, Force Continuums, documentation of an officer's use of force, Garrity issues, the Illinois Peace Officers Disciplinary Act, Defense/Plaintiff's Lawyers attacks on Police Use-of-Force and Use of Force Myths.

TOPICS DISCUSSED

1. The Concepts of Probable Cause and Qualified Immunity.
2. The 13 Illinois Use of Force Statutes.
 - a. Use of Force in defense of person, dwelling, and property.
 - b. Use of Force by aggressor.
 - c. Peace Officer's Use of Force in making an arrest.
 - d. Prohibited Use of Force by a Peace Officer.
 - e. Force likely to cause death or great bodily harm.
 - f. Use of Force to prevent escape.
 - g. Investigation of officer-involved deaths.
 - h. Mandatory drug/alcohol testing.
 - i. Internal review of officer-involved shootings
3. U.S. Supreme Court Cases regarding Peace Officer's Use of Force with Analysis including Tennessee v. Garner, Graham, v. Connor, Scott v. Harris, Plumhoff v. Rickard
4. Federal Courts of Appeals Cases regarding Peace Officer's Use of Force with Analysis including Hill v. Miracle, Armstrong v. Village of Pinehurst.
5. Variables that Courts consider in evaluating Use of Force
6. Use of Intermediate Weapons
 - a. Including physical force, batons, tasers, chemical sprays
7. Garrity v. New Jersey
8. The Uniform Peace Officers' Disciplinary Act
9. The 10 Myths Regarding Police Use of Force

*****Please Note:**

This training includes videos of actual police Use of Force cases personally handled and reviewed by the instructor.

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