

Use of Force Conference and Certification

Course Overview

This certification program provides a comprehensive framework for understanding, teaching, supervising, and investigating law enforcement use of force. It is designed for:

- **Use-of-Force Instructors:** to build legally sound lesson plans and provide effective training methods
- **Supervisors/Investigators:** to evaluate, review, and document force incidents
- **Policy Makers:** to align agency use-of-force/response-to-resistance policies with constitutional standards, case law, and best practices

The course integrates **law, liability, training methodology, operational decision-making, officer mindset, and leadership** into one cohesive training program. It also addresses contemporary issues including de-escalation, restraint deaths, neck restraints, and weapon confusion.

An optional **LLRMI Use of Force Instructor/Analyst Certification** may be earned by completing a written assignment reviewed by the instructor team. Participants are encouraged to bring their agency’s use-of-force policies and lesson plans for peer and instructor discussion.

- Course Objectives**
- **Understand Legal Standards**
 - ◆ Interpret Supreme Court and appellate rulings (e.g., *Graham v. Connor*; *Tennessee v. Garner*)
 - ◆ Apply constitutional decision-making to force incidents
 - ◆ Recognize civil and criminal liability risks in force encounters
 - **Develop and Deliver Training**
 - ◆ Create lesson plans covering legal, tactical, and operational aspects of force
 - ◆ Teach force application methods and decision-making (“when to” vs. “how to”)
 - ◆ Address learning variability and adapt training methods to ensure proficiency
 - **Investigate and Review Force Incidents**
 - ◆ Conduct force reviews, including documentation, evidence collection, and analysis
 - ◆ Assess officer decision-making, policy compliance, and legal exposure
 - ◆ Handle cases involving dueling experts and conflicting research
 - **Address Contemporary Force Issues**
 - ◆ Evaluate restraint-related deaths and positional asphyxia
 - ◆ Examine neck restraints and other high-liability tactics
 - ◆ Integrate de-escalation practices into training and operations
 - **Build Officer Mindset and Leadership**
 - ◆ Foster preparedness and confidence in decision-making
 - ◆ Overcome hesitation in appropriate force applications
 - ◆ Strengthen officer safety, public safety, and subject safety through training and leadership culture

Certification and Re-Certification

THE USE OF FORCE CERTIFICATION PROCESS

- 5-Day Training Course: Required attendance covering Use of Force core content
- Written Examination: Multiple-choice test covering material from the course
- Essay Requirement: 500-word essay on an Use of Force subject chosen from a provided list

RE-CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT

To maintain status of your Use of Force Certification, graduates must:

- Attend one Use of Force training program within the 2-year certification period
- Complete one Use of Force Certification Course before certification expiration

USE OF FORCE CERTIFICATION CREDENTIALS

- **Certificate of Completion** (for the 5-Day Use of Force Certification Training Course)
- **Certification Credential Card** (with name and certification dates)
- **Formal Certification Certificate** (designating Use of Force Certified status)
- **Legal Update Bulletins** (electronic distribution to keep skills current)

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Seminar Agenda

Monday, April 5, 2027

8:00 – 8:30 am	Registration
8:30 – 9:00 am	Instructor Introduction/Orientation/Overview of Certification Process
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Legal • The application of Qualified Immunity to Use of Force • The Major cases from the United States Supreme Court • Civil Exposure- State and Federal • Criminal Exposure State and Federal • Restrictive Agency Policy and its impact on Civil/Criminal Exposure
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch (On Your Own)
1:00 – 4:30 pm	Legal (Continued) • Force Options/Force Continuums/Force Graphics- Do they Help/What are their weaknesses • Pepper-Spray/Legal Issues • TASER/Legal Issues • Impact Weapons/Legal Issues • Less-Lethal Munitions/Legal Issues • K-9/Legal Issues • Hard Hand Strikes/Legal Issues • Neck Restraints/Choke Hold (Respiratory), Carotid (Vascular)/ Legal Issues and Science • Sudden In-Custody Death-Restraint Asphyxia, Excited Delirium- What should we be training? Legal Issues and Science

Tuesday, April 6, 2027

8:00 – 10:00 am	Legal <i>(Continued)</i> • Deadly Force/Circuit by Circuit Discussion of Totality of the Circumstances
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Round Table Discussion of Some of the Major Controversial Cases occurring over the last five years. Members of the LLRMI Staff have consulted in some capacity on many of the major cases that have captured the country’s attention over the last ten years. As a result, our instructors are able to provide detailed analysis as to how training and policy may have minimized some of these events.
12:00– 1:00 pm	Lunch (On Your Own)
1:00 – 4:30 pm	Developing and Documenting Training for Your Agency • Don’t let your agency become a defendant for Failure to Train

- Safety Related Issues-Avoiding Injuries or worse-Always consider ways to diminish training accidents and training injuries
- Firearms/Range Safety
- Writing a lesson plan, the devil is in the details
- Practical Exercise

Wednesday, April 7, 2027

8:00 – 10:00 am	Leadership and Supervision
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Use of Force in Critical Events • Civil Unrest • SWAT/Special Operations Teams
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch (On Your Own)
1:00 – 2:00 pm	Use of Force in Critical Events <i>(Continued)</i>
2:00 – 4:30 pm	Training for the Critical Event/What should all of our officers know and what skills must they be proficient at carrying out

Thursday, April 8, 2027

8:00 – 10:00 am	• Training to different skill levels (entry level force training-veteran officers) • What to do when there is a training failure
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Specific Skills Training Exercises • Firearms Skills Training (How to) • Force Decision Making (When to) • Firearms Environment Training – Low light and moving target • Simunition/Training Simulators
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch (On Your Own)
1:00 – 4:30 pm	• Specific Skills Training Exercises • Weapons Confusion-Training to Avoid Mistakes • Weapons Transitioning • TASER Training-Beyond Axon’s Lesson Plans (Don’t leave those out-But what can we do in addition) • Stress-Inoculation and Decision Making • Perishable Skills and Defensive Tactics

Friday, April 9, 2027

8:00 am – 12:00 pm	• Use of Force Documentation • Use of Force Review Process • Use of Force Complaints • Analyzing Use of Force Events • Analyzing Use of Force Data • Maintaining Your Expertise
12:00 pm	Certificate Presentation

Who Should Attend: This program is beneficial to all officers in understanding the law, generally accepted practices, training, and liability exposure with respect to use of force.

This program is specifically geared to use of force instructors who can immediately use what they take from this course to provide the officers they instruct with a greater understanding of the law, liability exposure, decision-making, and best practices with respect to use of force. The program covers the development of use of force training lesson plans and documentation. A section of the program also covers training methods for various use of force options to include weapons confusion.

This program should also be attended by supervisors/officers assigned to investigate or review use of force by officers as well as persons responsible for agency policies covering use of force/response to resistance.

An LLRMI Use of Force Instructor/Analyst Certification is an option for this program based on a successfully completed written assignment reviewed by the LLRMI Instructor Team.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their agency Use of Force/Response to Resistance policy or lesson plans for discussion.

Registration Form – Use of Force Conference and Certification #17411			
Names of Attendees			
1. _____	3. _____		
2. _____	4. _____		
Agency _____		Invoice To Attention of <i>(Must be completed)</i> _____	
Address _____			
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Upon receiving your registration we will send an Invoice to your department or agency. Checks, claim forms, purchase orders should be made payable to LLRMI.

Seminar Title:	Use of Force Conference and Certification	
Seminar ID:	#17411	
Dates:	April 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9, 2027	
Registration Time:	April 5, 2027, 8 am	
Instructors:	Jack Ryan, Matthew Greely and Mike Irwin	
Seminar Location:	Tarrant County Sheriff’s Academy 1500 Circle Drive Fort Worth, Texas 76119	
Hotel Reservations:	Courtyard by Marriott Cityview 6400 Overton Ridge Blvd Fort Worth, Texas 76132 1-817-294-7600	Hampton Inn Fort Worth Cityview 4799 S W Loop 820 Fort Worth, Texas 76132 1-817-346-7845
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Room Rate: **State Gov’t Rate - Must show State Gov’t ID at check in to receive rate.**

Registration Fee: \$550.00

Includes Use of Force Certification Training, **Printed Training Manual** and Certificate of Completion



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