



Documenting Use of Force; Report Writing

Host Agency – Vacaville Police Department
The Father's House – 4800 Horse Creek Dr.

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this course is to establish a structured framework to develop and strengthen officers' report-writing skills when documenting **Use of Force (UOF)** incidents. Emphasis is placed on accurate, complete, and objective documentation that clearly articulates decision-making, actions taken, and supporting evidence.

Through guided instruction and practical application, students will examine how experience, training, and cognitive processes influence use-of-force decisions and how those factors should be effectively articulated in written reports. The course also focuses on identifying common deficiencies in UOF reports and applying policy in a clear, constructive manner.

Learning Objectives:

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Influences on Use of Force decision-making
- Recognize common deficiencies and omissions in Use of Force reports
- Demonstrate the use of **cognitive recall techniques** to improve report accuracy and completeness
- Identify, interpret, and articulate relevant **evidence** in Use of Force documentation

This course encourages students to bring their organization's Use of Force policy, a laptop or tablet device to write reports during the exercises

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