

All Courses are held at the TPD Training facility located at 2722 SW Topeka Blvd (unless otherwise noted)
Please visit https://topekapolicetraining.com for more detailed information

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Criminal Street Gangs – Advanced
January 5-7, 2027 / 0800-1700 hours

Gangs continue to proliferate and spread to most communities across the United States. While Gang awareness has increased greatly among the law enforcement community, proactive counter-measures and innovative tactics are seldom utilized even by experienced gang investigators. This course is the only training course that instructs how to develop intelligence, conduct interdiction, and proactively investigate gangs from street level or inmate level. Student officers will be taught gang interviewing techniques, intelligence gathering, street interdiction methods, innovative anti-gang tactics, informant utilization, gang conspiracy investigations, historical prosecutions, RICO investigation strategies, testifying as a gang expert, utilizing the internet as a gang intelligence and investigation tool, proactive investigative strategies for more effective results and officer safety issues relating to gang interdiction and investigation.

This course is designed for drug enforcement agents, criminal investigators, canine handlers, drug unit or task force supervisors, and uniformed patrol personnel working gang-related crimes. police officers, corrections officers, parole officers, probation officers and federal agents working gang cases or dealing extensively with gangs in their own jurisdictions. This course will provide a higher level and more effective way of combating gangs in any jurisdiction, regardless of the level of manpower, experience and available resources.

Register at: https://counterdrugtraining.com/EBForms.aspx?EBID=8343&EBType=R&RefID=

Cost: FREE

VALOR Executive Leadership Workshop
January 12, 2027 / 0800-1200 hours

The VALOR Executive Leadership Workshop inspires, educates, and challenges sworn law enforcement executives to advance officer safety and wellness strategies within their own agencies. This workshop is intended to provide law enforcement officers at the executive level with information to implement organization-wide change.

This 4-hour workshop, facilitated by subject-matter experts, is an event that:

Addresses leadership strategies
Discusses policies, procedures, and best practices
Explores new ideas and no-cost resources
Provides an opportunity to develop a customized executive action plan

Register at: http://s.iir.com/VALORExecTopekaKS

Cost: FREE

VALOR Safer Together – Command Level Forum
January 19, 2027 / 0800-1700 hours
DATE CHANGE – Now January 19 from December 1 2026

This highly interactive course for command-level staff provides actionable skills and strategies that you can use to help your people make the most of every interaction, which will result in enhancing safety and wellness and promoting a healthy community climate. This training stresses the imperative for building trust, one interaction at a time, as a foundational basis to improve community climate, enhance safety and wellness, and reduce crime.

Morning
Be a role model for your people
Remember why you serve
Address challenging perceptions
Recognize the impacts of community climate on your people
Afternoon
Change community perceptions using value-added and plus-one interactions
Implement Safer Together strategies into your agency's culture and measure their success
Be part of the solution and take the Safer Together Challenge

Registration link coming soon at: https://www.valorforblue.org/Home

Cost: FREE

VALOR Mid-Level Leadership Workshop
January 26, 2027 / 0800-1700 hours

The safety and wellness of the officers on your watch depends on your leadership. The Mid-Level Leadership Workshop inspires mid-level sworn law enforcement leaders to advance officer safety and wellness strategies within their own agencies.

This 1-day, no cost workshop, facilitated by subject-matter experts, is an event that:

Addresses leadership strategies.
Examines causes of officer assaults, injuries, and deaths.
Explores critical officer wellness issues.
Discusses protocols and best practices.
Discusses setting a safety precedent and accountability.
Illustrates actionable opportunities to increase safety and wellness.

Register at: http://s.iir.com/VALORMLWTopekaKS

Cost: FREE

VALOR Survive & Thrive
February 9-10, 2027 / 0800-1700 hours

This 2-day, in-person VALOR training provides sworn officers at all levels with the essentials to survive and thrive in their careers by stressing the importance of being physically and mentally prepared, maintaining situational awareness, combating complacency, and remaining vigilant.

Hear from law enforcement experts on:

- Causes of officer assaults, injuries, and deaths.
- Safety and preparedness mindset.
- Physical health.
- Officer-citizen encounters.
- Mitigating stress.
- Weapon concealment.
- Intentional wellness mindset.
- Surviving an assault.
- Casualty care and rescue tactics.
- Personal protective factors.
- Deaths not associated with assaults.
- Vehicle safety.
- An officer survivor story.

Additional topics covered throughout the course include professionalism, leadership, and critical decision-making.

Register at: http://s.iir.com/VALORSTTopekaKS

Cost: FREE

VALOR Train-the-Trainer Workshop
February 11, 2027 / 0800-1700 hours

The VALOR Train-the-Trainer Workshop provides qualified law enforcement trainers with tools to develop and deliver basic in-house officer safety and wellness awareness training within their agencies.

This 1-day, in-person, no-cost workshop, facilitated by subject-matter experts, is an event that:

- Teaches the VALOR framework and concepts for use in individual agencies.
- Identifies and explores available resources, suggested scenarios, discussion questions, and training videos available on the VALOR Program website.
- Engages participants through practical teach-back exercises.

To attend this workshop, officers should have previously attended a VALOR Survive & Thrive® officer safety and wellness training within the last 2 years.

Register at: https://www.valorforblue.org/VALOR-Training/VALOR-Training-Events/February-11-2027-Topeka-KS

Cost: FREE

VALOR Safer Together – Frontline Officer Workshop
February 17, 2027 / 0800-1700 hours
DATE CHANGE – NOW February 17 from January 19

Safer Together is a highly interactive course that provides actionable skills and strategies you can use to enhance safety and wellness. This eight-hour training course for frontline officers stresses the imperative for building trust, one interaction at a time, as a foundational basis to improve community climate, enhance safety and wellness, and reduce crime.

Morning
Remember why you serve
Overcome challenging perceptions
Recognize how community climate impacts you and your family
Afternoon
Change community perceptions with value-added and plus-one interactions
Take charge of your future

Registration link coming soon at: https://www.valorforblue.org/Home

Cost: FREE

Development, Management, and Control of Drug Informants
March 2-4, 2027 / 0800-1700 hours

This course is designed for new and experienced law enforcement officers who have the need to learn how to develop, manage and control drug, gang, terrorist, or other criminal informants by using best practices, lessons learned in the field, and innovative methodologies. Students will learn to adhere to common sense, safety, and legal guidelines while identifying and overcoming problems associated with informants. A review and recommendation for model policies and procedures governing the utilization of informants will be discussed.

Students will be immersed in several challenging practical exercises to help students master effective skills needed for managing informants, especially in difficult situations. Critical topics for effective informant cultivation and management will be discussed, including, but not limited to, tactical operation safety and security, recognizing the characteristics of undesirable informants, recognizing the characteristics of productive informants, identifying informant motivations, and undercover operations involving an undercover officer and an informant. Students will learn how to properly conduct informant identification, documentation, registration, vetting, training, integrity testing, and control, as well as safe and effective tactics for deployment of informants.

This course will instruct officers how to corroborate informant information, how to avoid pitfalls and problems related to informants, how to protect an officer's personal information from informants, and how to develop a productive officer - informant relationship. At the end of this class, students will be well-versed, and experienced in cultivating informants, choosing the best informants, managing many types of confidential informants, controlled calls, controlled buys, understanding the legal case law and guidelines related to drug, and other, informants.

Registration link coming soon at: https://counterdrugtraining.com/EBForms.aspx?EBID=8345

Cost: FREE

Human Trafficking
March 16-17, 2027 / 0800-1700 hours

This provocative course includes classroom lessons enhanced by practical exercises to train law enforcement, military, demand reduction personnel, corrections, juvenile detention professionals, and others how to identify, expose, interdict, and investigate human trafficking crimes as well as the identification, protection, and rescue of trafficking victims. This course will expose the nexus between human trafficking, gangs, sex workers, drug traffickers and the many types of human trafficking. Students will learn how to identity trafficking in their own jurisdictions.

Psychological manipulation and coercion used by traffickers will be discussed along with methods for combating human trafficking, interviewing trafficking victims, and recognizing the signs, symbols, slang, tattoos and situations/events where trafficking is more prevalent. Students will learn the connection of human trafficking to terrorism, transnational criminal organization, drug cartels, street gangs, and learn various US trafficking routes, online sex trafficking and enticement, and the resources available to assist law enforcement (and other conscientious persons) and victims.

Registration link coming soon at: https://counterdrugtraining.com/EBForms.aspx?EBID=8346

Cost: FREE