



## 2021 VLEOA Training Conference, Phoenix, AZ Training Course & Special Activity Descriptions

When registering for the conference, attendees will be asked to select and rank their training tracks for the **three separate training blocks** on Thursday afternoon (1330-1730), Friday morning (0900-1230) and Friday afternoon (1330-1730), and for the Saturday morning special activities (0830-1330). You will stay with your selected/assigned training block for the entirety of the training block. The training on Thursday and Friday is organized so attendees can complete each of the three different training tracks.

### **Spotting Pre-Attack Indicators (Calibre Press)**

This hyper-focused program is packed with recent video footage capturing actual assaults on officers for the purpose of demonstrating the critical importance of identifying those subtle (and sometimes not so subtle) behaviors, statements and positions that can flag an impending attack. Each incident spotlighted is thoroughly dissected in an understandable, step-by-step fashion to point out how and when indicators of all kinds can and do surface during every-day interactions.

**Thursday Morning, Nov 4 during the Opening Session at the Hotel; 0945-1145**

**This session is for ALL Attendees**

### **Driving Track Exercises**

Participation in driving track exercises, including the pursuit road course and evasive driving maneuvers, under the direction and engagement of police driving instructors.

Offered:

**Thursday Afternoon, Nov 4 - "Track A" at the Driving Track; 1330-1730**

**Friday Morning, Nov 5 - "Track D" at the Driving Track; 0900-1230**

**Friday Afternoon, Nov 5 - "Track G" at the Driving Track; 1330-1730**

### **Academy Dynamic Training**

#### A. Firearms Threat Identification

Participation in live-fire firearms exercises which involve decision making, target identification and moving targets during an engagement. The exercises will emphasize different platforms and adjustments to make to adjust shooting backdrop and angle issues.

#### B. VirTra

Participation in decision making and tactical considerations using the latest VirTra simulator. The exercises will engage participants in numerous tactical scenarios with multiple outcomes, allowing for several repetitions.

[See more>](#)

### C. Taser & Axon Virtual Reality (VR)

Participation in exercises using the latest Taser 7 model, with a focus on tactical considerations. Participants will engage instructors in tactical role-playing scenarios using inert cartridges. Virtual reality training is being used by forward-thinking police departments for de-escalation training and crisis-situation training, involving persons with mental illnesses, autism and hearing impairments.

Offered:

**Thursday Afternoon, Nov 4 - "Track B" at the Academy; 1330-1730**

**Friday Morning, Nov 5 - "Track E" at the Academy; 0900-1230**

**Friday Afternoon, Nov 5 - "Track H" at the Academy; 1330-1730**

### Academy Classroom Training

#### A. Thursday Afternoon, Nov 4 – "Track C" in an Academy Classroom; 1330-1730

##### Advanced Patrol Tactics: Patrol Vehicle Stops & Officer Safety (Calibre Press)

Injuries and deaths, to both officers and citizens, and damage that negatively impacts the police/community relationship most often occur during "routine" uniformed police duties. Street patrol is one of the most common, yet dangerous actions performed by police officers. Responding to calls in progress, traffic stops, and citizen encounters are a leading cause of grievances and physical harm. This highly informative course utilizes current videos and illustrations to examine how to prevent these occurrences.

##### Police Officer Performance Mindset & Neuroscience of Policing

Science-based training about police officer performance and de-escalation, and techniques for better police officer performance. This course will include a discussion of new ideas for using neuroscience to enhance law enforcement training for peak performance under extreme pressure.

#### B. Friday Morning, Nov 5 – "Track F" in an Academy Classroom; 0900-1230

##### Advanced Tactical Medicine

Advanced training for first responders which will focus on providing vital initial treatment to trauma victims, and the application of proven medical techniques for law enforcement professionals. The focus of the course is to make a life-saving difference during the first vital minutes after trauma, and the administration of proven lifesaving techniques that will affect patient outcomes and the chances of police officer survivability and return to duty.

[See more>](#)

### Reality-Based Police Officer Training & Expectations

This course will focus on effective and clear expectations of broad training topics for police officers, based upon reality-based scenarios, with more efficiency and confidence. This course will address real world scenario-based training, not hypothetical scenarios.

### C. Friday Afternoon, Nov 5 – “Track I” in an Academy Classroom; 1330-1730

#### Police & Crowd Tactics During Civil Unrest

Using videos, this course will review police tactics and techniques, including field-force team tactics, used for crowd control during episodes of civil unrest. Operational planning and tactical considerations and concepts will be discussed, including formations, tactics and maneuvers which promote community and officer safety.

Responding to mentally ill and suicidal subjects: A primer for volunteer police officers  
Suicide has become one of the top ten killers in the United States and we anticipate this will not abate anytime soon due to the increased stresses and mental health issues brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic, on-going military engagements around the world, and increased substance abuse issues. As more and more police departments and officers are having to deal with suicidal people, it is necessary for all officers to have a basic understanding of suicide and how to work with suicidal citizens. Most departments have specialized units (Crisis Intervention Team or Crisis Negotiation Teams) for more prolonged engagements, but street and beat officers are usually the first on scene and need to learn basic skills for working with these individuals.

### Special Activities on Saturday, Nov 6; 0830-1330

#### Hike & Police Helicopter Rescue Demonstration at South Mountain Preserve; “Track J”

An easy hike in South Mountain Preserve with an injured-hiker police helicopter rescue demonstration.

#### Visit to Lake Pleasant & Rides on Law Enforcement Boats; “Track K”

A tour of Lake Pleasant (one hour drive) with rides on police enforcement boats and dive team demonstrations.

### Free-Time Voluntary Activities on Sat, Nov 6; 1330-1700

There are many free-time activities and opportunities which participants are free to organize themselves. Below are a few ideas. Some limited transportation will be available from the hotel on Saturday afternoon between 1200-1700 for free-time activities. Below are a few suggested free-time activities. Attendees are also encouraged to schedule other free-time activities on their own, as they wish.

### NASCAR Cup Series Championship Race at Phoenix Raceway

This event will be on Saturday, November 6 and Sunday, November 7, 2021. Participants who want to purchase discounted pricing tickets to this event should, at their own expense, should contact Shelly Phillips directly at [sphillips@phoenix.raceway.com](mailto:sphillips@phoenix.raceway.com) or by calling (602) 390-4919.

### Gold Field Ghost Town & Mine Tour in Apache Junction, Arizona

In the 1890s, Goldfield was home to the Mammoth Gold Mine, 3 saloons, a boarding house, general store, blacksmith shop, brewery, meat market and a schoolhouse. This old town was brought back to life, and it offers a mine tour, old west gun fight demonstrations, and shops, restaurants and historic buildings. Visit: [oldfieldghosttown.com](http://oldfieldghosttown.com)

### Wild Horse Pass Casino in Chandler, Arizona

The Gila River Tribe operates the Wild Horse Pass hotel and casino, a AAA Four Diamond resort facility offers casino gaming, fine and authentic restaurants, and other entertainment. Visit: [playatgila.com](http://playatgila.com)

### The Heard Museum in Phoenix

Founded in 1929, the Heard Museum is recognized internationally for its dedication to the advancement of American Indian art and history, and tribal communities, and for the quality of its collections, world-class exhibitions, educational programming and unmatched festivals. Visit: [Heard.org](http://Heard.org)