

Class: Redefining Use-of-Force Paradigms through De-Escalation

Instructional Time: 4 hours

The evolution of the law enforcement profession, along with emerging legislative mandates, have placed great emphasis on de-escalation as a use-of-force imperative. Understanding the difference between non-coercive de-escalation and realistic de-escalation is an important concept for law enforcement officials to grasp. This course will introduce students to the foundational principles of de-escalation, cover actionable concepts through scenario-based discussion/debrief, and review the importance of law enforcement legitimacy and procedural justice. Respecting the value of all human life and dignity without prejudice to anyone is paramount for all law enforcement officials. Vesting officers with the authority to use reasonable force and to protect the public welfare requires monitoring, evaluation, and a careful balancing of all interests.

\*San Diego County hires an external instructor to teach this class therefore additional material is not available for review as it is not property of the San Diego County Probation Department.

