

**SURVIVING  
COURT  
DISASTERS**

***MAKING IT THROUGH  
YOUR DAY, ...  
EVERY DAY.***

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**SURVIVING COURT DISASTERS**

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- 25+ Years of law enforcement experience
- Graduate of the FBI Natl. Academy (203<sup>rd</sup> Session) and SPI Command College
- FEMA Certified Emergency Mngmt. Professional
- Lot's of other cool stuff
- And some not so cool stuff.

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**SURVIVING DISASTER**

*What I'm **NOT** here to do today;*

- o To try to impress you with my resume.
- o Bolster my fragile male ego by trying to convince you I'm some kind of expert.
- o Tell you how to do your job or live your professional life.
- o To sell you anything...so **RELAX!**

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**SURVIVING DISASTER**

o HOW DO YOU DEFINE 'DISASTER'?

*HINT - Bad hair days DO NOT count!*



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DISCLAIMER

The instructor is not an attorney, and does not offer or provide legal advice. Legal advice, when necessary, should be sought from a competent and licensed Attorney at Law. This instruction is meant to provide background and guidelines as a training aid. Personnel in attendance should be familiar with their agency policy and procedures, laws pertaining to their jurisdiction, and applicable Local, State, and Federal / Appeals Court rulings.



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**SURVIVING DISASTER**

*PURPOSE*  
Following this training, you will;

- o UNDERSTAND – the nature of risk in the work environment.
- o IDENTIFY – the causal factors that the to workplace risk
- o RECOGNIZE – the most common workplace risks, and the most serious
- o RESPOND – to as well as mitigate workplace risk in an appropriate manner.

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- oWHAT IS RISK?
  
- oWHAT PRESENTS A RISK TO US?

  - oInternally
  - oExternally

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- oWHO PRESENTS A RISK TO US?

  - oVisitors / Defendants / Witnesses
  - oOther City Employees
  - oCo workers
  - oOther persons

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oHOW DO WE IDENTIFY RISK?

- Pre event indicators
- Personal 'Stressor' events can trigger interpersonal violence
- Is going to Court stressful?

**YOU BET!**




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*Who comes to Municipal Court?*

Hey, its just Class 'C' charges, what's worth getting all worked up about?




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oHOW DO WE RESPOND TO SPECIFIC INCIDENTS?




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RESPONDING TO SPECIFIC EVENTS

***Interpersonal Violence  
In the Court Room***

Could be a threat, tension, stare down or 'mugging' another party, or an actual act of violence.

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RESPONDING TO SPECIFIC EVENTS

***FIGHT IN PROGRESS***

Primary aggressor vs. Self defense  
Mutual Combat  
Unprovoked Assault

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RESPONDING TO SPECIFIC EVENTS

***ASSAULT / ATTEMPTED ASSAULT  
AGAINST JUDGE / BAILIFFS***

Committed Assault vs. Emotional Outburst  
Planned Attack vs. Spur of the Moment

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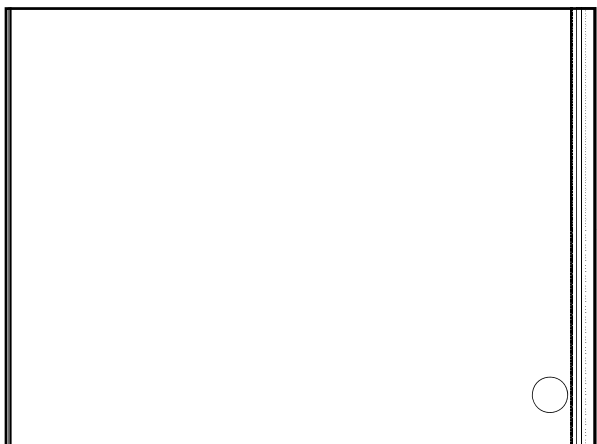
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RESPONDING TO SPECIFIC EVENTS

*Escape attempt by In – Custody Transfer*

*Escape attempt by defendant remanded to Custody*

Planned Attempt vs. Spur of the Moment

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RESPONDING TO SPECIFIC EVENTS

**WEAPONS IN THE COURTROOM**

Threat of weapon  
 Weapon implied  
 Weapon brandished  
 Weapon used in assault

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RESPONDING TO SPECIFIC EVENTS

**SHOTS FIRED IN THE COURTROOM**

**SHOTS FIRED IN ADJACENT AREA**

oLobby  
 oParking Lot

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 RESPONDING TO SPECIFIC EVENTS

*HOSTAGE SITUATIONS*

- oOther party as hostage
- oYOU as hostage

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 RESPONDING TO SPECIFIC EVENTS

*Terrorism and Related Events*

- oBomb Threats
- oLocalized threat or activity
- oNational level threat or activity

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RESPONDING TO SPECIFIC EVENTS

*Manmade or Natural Disasters*

Fire

Tornado

Earthquake

The 'Lone Idiot' Scenario (Sacramento CA)

Other Scenarios and Events

(gas leak / explosion, collision in lot, etc.)

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MITIGATION OF RISK

The Importance of ***TRAINING***

oMental Preparedness

oPhysical Preparedness

• Understanding the physiology of FRIGHT

• Using FEAR for Positive Motivation  
(Gavin DeBecker book 'The Gift of Fear')

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RECOVERY FROM DISASTER

Survival doesn't stop when the critical incident is over.



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RECOVERY FROM DISASTER

- o Critical Incident Review / De briefing
  - o Follow up to the CIR
- o Physical AND Mental Recovery
  - o Post Traumatic Stress



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**SURVIVING COURT DISASTERS**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME,  
ENERGY AND FOCUS

***BE AWARE - BE SAFE***

ANY PERSONS (EXCEPT PLAYERS)  
CAUGHT COLLECTING GOLF BALLS  
ON THIS COURSE WILL BE  
PROSECUTED AND HAVE THEIR  
BALLS REMOVED

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**TOTALLY GRATUITOUS & UNNECESSARY KID PICTURES.**

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