"We are what we repetitively do. Excellence then, is not an act but a habit." Aristotle

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Security Officer Danger Escalating

If you have been reading the newspaper, watching TV, or on the internet, you have seen an increase in deadly force incidents involving Security Officers. Officers are being injured and/or killed in the line of duty and Officers use of deadly force is at a dramatic increase in the last several months. During the holidays a Security Officer in Houston was ambushed, shot and killed. In Dallas last week 2 Officers were forced to use deadly force at an apartment complex after being attacked. In Waco an unarmed officer was assaulted with a weapon at the mall. These are just a few of the recent incidents involving security and the use of deadly force.

It is imperative that as owners, managers, and supervisors we ensure that our Officers are prepared to handle these situations if & when they arise. Below are just a few no cost measures you can review with your staff today that will help them come home at the end of their shift:

- **Attack Speed**: The average suspect can present a gun in any direction in less than a second. If you make yourself an easy target you can be shot before you can blink. If you can monitor and control the environment, it improves your chances of survival.

- **Verbal traps**: Officers who get caught in a repetitive verbal loop can become tactically frozen and lose control of the situation. Officers should stay focused on their objective and not let verbal exchanges distract from their safety.

- **Train your mind**: Situational training can be used to overcome tactical freezing and help deal with those "what if" types of situation that may occur. Have your officers think about what could go wrong and how they would respond. To receive maximum effectiveness officer’s responses need to be as detailed as possible.
There are many other no/low cost options available for training your officers to be their own best "body guard". Properly training your officers is a more effective and a much better alternative to increased insurance premiums.

God willing, most officers will never encounter a lethal force event, but they all must be prepared when the moment occurs. Everyone wants to return home safely at the end of shift.

Stay Safe everyone!

Charitable Organization for Texas Security Officers

We stand ready to assist others when they are injured or killed. We can also assist with catastrophic events.