



Training / Seminar Approval Form

Department Name: CONSTABLE PCT 4

Seminar Name: LEGALLY JUSTIFIED-BUT WAS IT AVOIDABLE (TCOLE 57127)

Purpose: TRAINING, REQUIRED CONTINUING EDUCATION

Place: HARTFORD LEARNING CENTER ABILENE, TX

Date: MAY 15TH, 2023

Who Will Be Attending:

DEPUTY CONSTABLE ROBERT HEROD

This Training/ Seminar is necessary for the following reasons:

- Required continuing education
- Job training
- Improve work performance
- Required certification

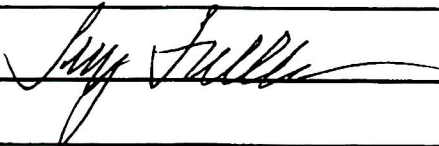
Attach Registration Form and Complete the following information:

Amount of registration \$0 Date registration is due N/A

- Return check to department head
- Request Treasurer to mail check with registration

If an advance is requested, attach a completed Johnson County Travel Form.

Department Head Signature:



SEND FORM TO COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE

COMMISSIONERS COURT

RECEIVED BY COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE _____ DATE: MAY 08 2023

APPROVED BY COMMISSIONER'S COURT: _____ DATE: _____

Approved

Brenda Tucker

From: Robert Herod
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 10:06 AM
To: Troy L. Fuller
Cc: Brenda Tucker
Subject: FW: Calibre Press: Justified, but was it Avoidable (Abilene:FREE)

From: Robert Herod
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 6:54 PM
To: Robert Herod
Subject: Fwd: Calibre Press: Justified, but was it Avoidable (Abilene:FREE)

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Sent by R. Herod

Begin forwarded message:

From: jeff.lake@cleat.org
Date: April 20, 2023 at 10:25:32 AM CDT
To: Robert Herod
Subject: Calibre Press: Justified, but was it Avoidable (Abilene:FREE)

Dear Robert,

Legally Justified - But was it Avoidable? (TCOLE 57127) *The Crucial Question at the Core of Use of Force*

Monday May 15, 2023 ◆ 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

TUITION: This class is normally \$199, but we have a limited number of FREE seats for CLEAT members.

Before you register, please verify with your department that you can attend. We want to avoid forfeiting a seat due to a no show so that we can offer this class to as many as possible.

Hosted By: Abilene ISD
Hartford Learning Center
5340 Hartford St. Abilene, TX 79605

Co-Sponsored by: Abilene Police Association, Taylor County Sheriff's Officer's Association

A crucial question at the core of every use of force incident is this:

Was it avoidable?

This course will help you make that decision.

The 1989 the Graham v. Connor case established that the *moment* an officer uses force is all that matters when determining if it was objectively reasonable. Further, it determined that the moment could not be judged “with the 20/20 vision of hindsight.” In other words, how that *moment* came to be matters not, only what was happening during it.

That said, this legal doctrine does not (and should not) preclude officers, trainers, and supervisors from examining cases with that 20/20 vision. With a goal of avoiding the avoidable, we should look backward from the moment force was used and honestly assess whether the officer, by action or lack of action, contributed to its ultimate need.

Legally Justified; But was it Avoidable analyzes dozens of recent use of force videos and focuses on the totality of the interaction. We dissect the behavior of the offender and more importantly, the thoughts and behavioral processes of the officer(s) involved. Specifically, we consider if poor or ill-advised tactics, ineffective communication, a lack of personal control and/or a misunderstanding of acute stress led the officer(s) to escalate the event unintentionally and unconsciously.

In this course we will discuss:

- Force: *Can* it be avoided? *How?* *Will* it be?
- Powerful research: how stress breaks down your ability to process information
- Handling pressure at the pivotal moment
- Did poor tactics contribute to the need to shoot?
- *Don't throw fuel on the fire!* Controlling the inner “idiot”
- The overall goal and how stress diverts from that mission
- Slowing things down can be your most powerful tactic
- A hard look at the reason mistakes are being made
- Cognitive deterioration leads to “Decision Decline”
- Avoiding Behavioral and Content Loops
- The Power of Mid-Event Disengagement

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TRAVEL PROCEDURES
HOTEL RESERVATION REQUEST

(EMAIL THIS FORM COMPLETED TO PURCHASING)

Note: When the Purchasing Department reserves the room; the payment will be processed and paid for on the credit card. The Purchasing department will need your hotel receipt as soon as you return. Do not request monies from the auditor's office on your regular travel form. Purchasing will forward this form to the auditor's office as backup.

DATE: 04-24-2023 DEPARTMENT: CONSTABLE PCT 4

PERSON SENDING REQUEST: BRENDA TUCKER

Person(s) Name Attending: 1. DEPUTY CONSTABLE ROBERT HEROD
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

How many rooms: 1 (Please add any special requirements)

Hotel Name: COURTYARD BY MARRIOT SOUTHWEST/ABILENE MALL SOUTH

Hotel Address: 4350 RIDGEMONT DR City: ABILENE State: TX Zip: 79606

Hotel Telephone #: (325)-695-9600

Function Attending: LEGALLY JUSTIFIED BUT WAS IT AVOIDABLE (TCOLE57127)

Date of Check in: MAY 14TH, 2023

Date of Check out: MAY 15TH, 2023