# **OFFICER VIRTUAL ACADEMY** COURSE SYLLABUS: In-Hand Handgun Retention



### **Course Location:**

This is a virtual course, offered online only and available to registered users of the Officer Virtual Academy at all times.

#### **Instructor Information:**

Lt. Frank Borelli - LE Instructor / Editorial Director

With over 35 years of operational experience and more than 30 years of instructional experience, Lt. Borelli has taught programs involving firearms, defensive tactics, officer survival, active shooter response and more to officers from all levels of government to include city, county, state, federal and military. He remains active in law enforcement, continually training and being trained to keep his skills up to date and sharp.

Sgt. Richard Nance – LE Instructor / SWAT experience / TV personality Richard Nance is a veteran police officer and former SWAT team leader. He is the co-owner of WARTAC, a company that provides training in firearms, tactics, and personal defense. Nance cohosts Handguns & Defensive Weapons, a new television series on the Sportsman Channel.

# **Course Description:**

In this course, Instructors Borelli and Nance discuss and demonstrate methods for maintaining control of your weapon while on the ground, on your back, with the opponent having mounted you. Discussion of the dynamics of the situation and concerns for lethal engagement are included. Methods for maintaining control of your weapon, getting the opponent completely off your weapon and then neutralized as a threat are demonstrated.

#### **Prerequisites:**

There are no prerequisites for attending this program.

# **Course Sequencing:**

This course is a personal-knowledge-only (no continuing education or in-service credits) program. It is recommended that prior to viewing/attending this course, the student officer view: Body's Cycle Applied to Conflict Survival General Defensive Tactics Instruction In-Holster Handgun Retention

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### **Course Objectives:**

- The student officer will understand the positioning and dynamics of the described situation: an opponent on top of you, on the ground, trying to wrench your weapon out of your hands.
- The student officer will be able to articulate the demonstrated method of removing the opponent's balance.
- The student officer will be able to articulate the demonstrated method of getting the opponent's grip on the handgun broken and completely removed.
- The student officer will be able to articulate the potential lethal force engagement targets on the opponent once the weapon has been secured.

# **Course Materials:**

Course Syllabus

Course Introduction

PDF Handout of PowerPoint Slide presentation

PowerPoint Show with information from course videos

Two course videos:

officer.com/10947857	4 minutes	In-Hand Handgun Retention
officer.com/11179223	3 minutes	In-Hand Gun Retention Ground

Additional Resources:

officer.com/10249307	Handgun Retention Training	(article)
officer.com/10249903	The Triad of Handgun Retention	(article)
officer.com/11376281	The Deadliest Distance	(article)
officer.com/12072303	The Distraction Strike	(article)
officer.com/12178949	Review: GunFIGHT!	(article)
officer.com/10760281	Review: Rattenkrieg!	(article)