

OFFICER VIRTUAL ACADEMY

COURSE SYLLABUS:

In-Holster 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 retention of your duty handgun while it is holstered and under attack of seizure from a combative subject. Techniques for keeping the weapon in holster and removing yourself from the immediate contact circumstance are discussed and demonstrated. Techniques for doing the same from a grounded position (on your back, guard position) are discussed and 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, to understand all of the terms and references in this program, the student officer first view:

Boyd's Cycle Applied to Conflict Survival
General Defensive Tactics Introduction

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Course Objectives:

- The student officer will understand the immediate threat and most likely result of having a combative/violent subject seize the officer's handgun.
- The student officer will understand the basic movements for securing their weapon and removing the threat of seizure while on their feet.
- The student officer will understand the basic movements for securing their weapon and removing the threat of seizure while on the ground, specifically in the guard position.

Course Materials:

Course Syllabus

Course Introduction

PDF Handout of PowerPoint Slide presentation

PowerPoint Show with information from course videos

Two course videos:

officer.com/10951258	5 minutes	In-Holster Weapon Retention
officer.com/11145112	2 minutes	Grounded Handgun Retention

Additional Resources:

officer.com/12147584	Officer Survival: Defending Gun Grabs	(article)
officer.com/10248365	From Handgun to Hands On	(article)
officer.com/10249307	Handgun Retention Training	(article)
officer.com/21212081	The Emergence of Appendix Carry	(article)
officer.com/21093289	What's Your Off-Duty Holster Preference?	(article)
officer.com/12007481	Good Retention Is A Warm Fuzzy	(article)