OFFICER VIRTUAL ACADEMY COURSE SYLLABUS: Backup & Secondary Weapons



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:

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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.

Course Description:

This course of instruction discusses the concerns, pros and cons of secondary weapons. It also reviews considerations for off-duty weapons.

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 the student officer view/attend the following courses before viewing this one: Boyd's Cycle Applied to Conflict Survival

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Course Objectives:

- Upon completion, the student officer will be able to describe and discuss the mechanical function concerns related to secondary or off-duty weapons
- Upon completion, the student officer will be able to describe and discuss the duty weapon compatibility concerns related to secondary or off-duty weapons
- Upon completion, the student officer will be able to describe and discuss the concerns of concealability with secondary or off-duty weapons.
- Upon completion, the student officer will be able to describe and discuss the security concerns related to secondary or off-duty weapons.

Course Materials:

Course Syllabus

Course Introduction

PDF Handout of PowerPoint Slide presentation

PowerPoint course video

Additional Resources:

Backup & Off-Duty Guns: What Makes Sense	(article)
Backup & Off-Duty Guns	(article)
The Perfect Backup/Off-Duty Gun	(article)