

# **OFFICER VIRTUAL ACADEMY**

## **COURSE SYLLABUS: IMPROVISED WEAPONS IDENTIFICATION & AWARENESS**



### **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.

### **Course Description:**

This course of instruction is meant to familiarize officers to be alert for and recognize improvised weapons. This course addresses improvised or unique firearms, edged weapons, impact weapons and tools used to escape custody.

### **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 identify a variety of common improvised weapons.
- Upon completion, the student officer will be able to articulate how identifying improvised or unique weapons can assist in justifying seizure of a dangerous item during a “Terry frisk.”

### **Course Materials:**

Course Syllabus

Course Introduction

PDF Handout of PowerPoint Slide presentation

PowerPoint Show with information from four course videos

#### Additional Resources:

<a href="http://officer.com/10250253">officer.com/10250253</a>	Who's Armed?	(article)
<a href="http://officer.com/12251146">officer.com/12251146</a>	Understanding Dangers of Contact Weapons	(article)
<a href="http://officer.com/21138944">officer.com/21138944</a>	Take Another Look: Common Weapons & Tools	(article)
<a href="http://officer.com/10248683">officer.com/10248683</a>	Duty Gear is Good	(article)