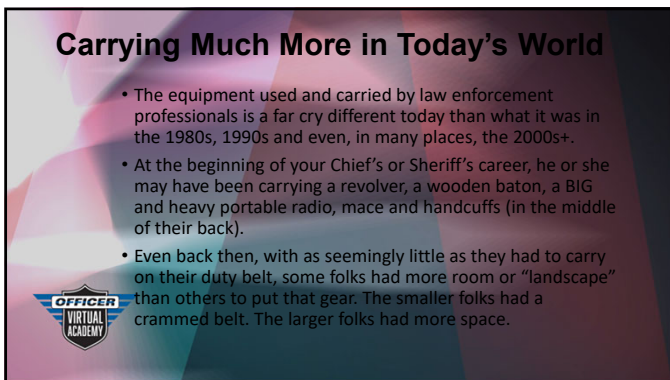
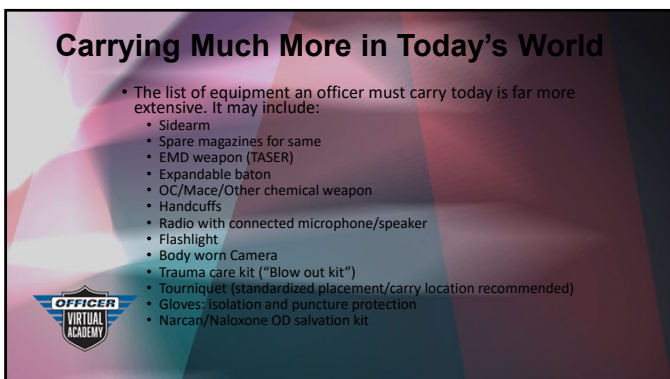




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Carrying Much More in Today's World


- Additionally, today's officers may either be carrying, or be prepared to carry on little/no notice, the following:
 - Hard armor plates
 - Spare rifle magazines
 - Rifle
 - Additional trauma care supplies
 - Other Personal Protective Gear
 - Protective mask (gas mask)
 - Protective eyewear



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Belt, Vest or Thigh Platform?

- Where does an officer put all that gear?
- One of the most important lessons learned in the past half-century, for the long-term health and well-being of officers, is NOT to put anything on the back of the duty belt. Having hard items there and sitting against them in a patrol vehicle for hours at a time inevitably leads to lower back issues that range from simple muscle pain to growing scoliosis. That guiding rule decreases duty belt "landscape" by 1/3 or more.
- Another important lesson: Keep the sidearm and EMD weapon in radically different places and positions. Make it near impossible to mistake a sidearm for a TASER.



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Belt, Vest or Thigh Platform?


- Other considerations:
 - Trauma care supplies and tourniquets should, as much as possible, have standard placement agency-wide. This allows for fast access in emergency situations when being provided care to self or by others.
 - Redundancy is good if space allows:
 - i.e. flashlight. Having a good quality light on your vest and then another on your belt can be a blessing. "Two is one; one is none," is a phrase often heard.
 - How many spare magazines you carry, and for what weapons, is up to you within department guidelines.
 - How many pair of handcuffs and/or flexicuffs you carry is up to you.
- Don't get too enamored with being overly prepared. Everything you carry has weight and you never know when you'll have to run, how far, how fast, wearing all of it.



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Electronics Beyond the Radio


- The electronics you wear all need maintenance and careful placement.
 - Radio: You need to be able to manipulate it for volume and channel, not to mention an emergency button. It needs to be out of the way but within reach and visibility if necessary.
 - Body-worn camera: this needs to be placed so that it sees what you see as much as possible. Be aware of what direction it faces as you engage with citizens, suspects and dynamic situations.
 - EMD: Electronic Muscular Disruptor (the terminology changes regularly) or TASER type weapon. This requires maintenance in checking charge, downloading info, etc. *It is imperative that this be placed so that it CAN NOT be mistaken for your sidearm under stress.*



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All Use of Force Tools


- Not including all force options normally on a continuum, but only those hard tools normally carried.
 - Chemical weapon / OC spray / mace
 - Impact weapons / baton
 - Electro Muscular Disruptor / EMD / TASER
 - Bola Wrap
 - Handcuffs?
- Sidearm



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That One Lethal Force Tool

- Sidearm:
 - Carried strong side
 - Duty belt?
 - Thigh platform?
 - Spare magazines (how many?) on support side
 - Duty belt?
 - On vest?
 - Thigh platform?



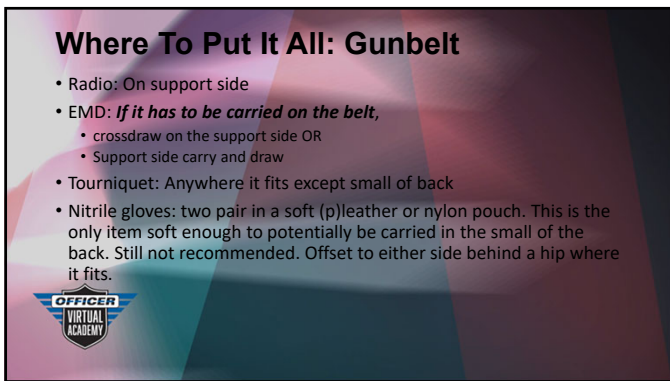
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Where To Put It All: Thigh Platforms


- When authorized, thigh platforms add additional carrying space. Items that are ideal for placing on a support side thigh platform are:
 - EMD weapon / TASER
 - Trauma care kit
 - Spare magazines for patrol rifle
- If a thigh platform for strong side is authorized, it can be used to relocate the duty sidearm and a spare magazine (or two), or it can be used to carry other items such as chemical weapon/OC/Mace or trauma care kit



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Where To Put It All: Vest


- The body worn camera is going to be carried center of chest either on the uniform shirt or on the vest.
- Moving the radio to the vest, usually support side, makes more space on the duty belt
- Moving the tourniquet to the vest makes more space on the duty belt
- Trauma Care Kit: usually on the strong side to be accessed when need for duty sidearm is minimal.
- Narcan/Naloxone OD salvation kit



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Where To Put It All: Vest

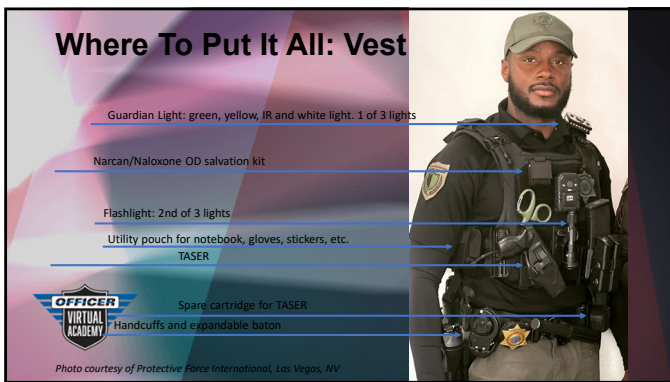
- Flashlight: (2 of 2)
- EMD weapon/TASER: carried for crossdraw, center to left side of vest
- Spare magazines: either for patrol rifle or duty sidearm.
 - NOTE: If carrying duty sidearm magazines on the vest, they should be IN ADDITION to spare magazines on the duty belt. You should never be putting on your duty weapon without having spare magazines on the same platform.



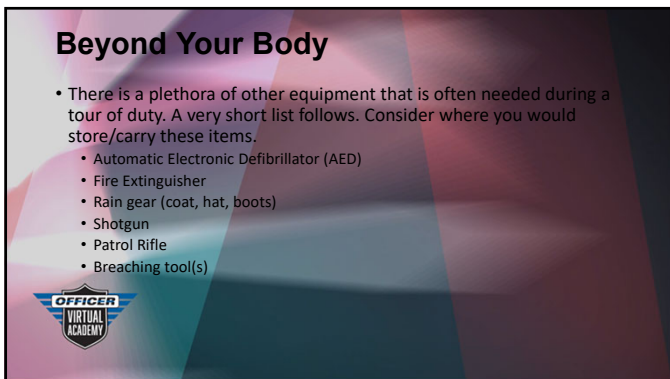
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Trunk/Storage Area or Passenger Compartment?

- The items on the previous slide can be carried and secured in an assortment of ways and places.
- Make sure you have immediate access to those items you made need in a compressed time frame, i.e. patrol rifle or AED
- Carrying backups of your primary equipment is always a good idea. Having extra tourniquets, trauma supplies, nitrile gloves, batteries for flashlights, etc. is a good idea.