Use of Force Policies and Legal Frameworks Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Criminology	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

1. Understand the legal foundation of use-of-force in national and international law.
2. Analyze case law that defines acceptable use-of-force standards.
3. Examine the use-of-force continuum and decision-making frameworks.
4. Assess human rights implications in force application.
5. Develop department-specific use-of-force policy manuals.
6. Interpret key constitutional protections (e.g., 4th & 8th Amendments).
7. Apply ethical decision-making in high-stress encounters.
8. Evaluate body cam and video evidence in force investigations.
9. Explore racial bias and its impact on use-of-force outcomes.
10. Review lessons from landmark use-of-force legal cases.
11. Understand civilian oversight and accountability mechanisms.
12. Compare global practices on force management and control.
13. Formulate strategies for officer wellness and trauma reduction.

Target Audiences

1. Law Enforcement Officers
2. Military Personnel
3. Legal Advisors and Prosecutors
4. Security Company Managers
5. Civil Rights Organizations
6. Policy Makers & Government Officials
7. Criminal Justice Instructors
8. Internal Affairs & Oversight Committees

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Course Modules

Module 1: Foundations of Use-of-Force Law

- Definitions and legal thresholds of force
- Historical evolution of use-of-force doctrine
- Overview of international law and treaties
- Civil vs. criminal implications of force
- Constitutional interpretations in domestic law
- **Case Study:** Tennessee v. Garner and its impact

Module 2: The Use-of-Force Continuum

- Levels of force and response proportionality
- Officer presence to lethal force spectrum
- Factors influencing force decisions
- Incident escalation and de-escalation
- Application in field and detention settings
- **Case Study:** Graham v. Connor analysis

Module 3: Human Rights & Use-of-Force

- UN Basic Principles on Use of Force
- Detainee treatment under Geneva Conventions
- Discrimination and excessive force
- Police militarization vs. civil liberties
- International accountability standards
- **Case Study:** George Floyd – Global reactions and policy shifts

Module 4: Legal Frameworks in Law Enforcement

- Statutes governing police powers
- Role of courts in defining force use
- Civil litigation in excessive force cases
- Internal policy alignment with the law
- Legal liability of agencies and officers
- **Case Study:** Rodney King and LAPD reforms

Module 5: Use-of-Force Policy Development

- Components of an effective force policy
- Legal reviews and policy audits
- Incorporating public and community input
- Periodic review and adaptation
- Training alignment with written policy
- **Case Study:** NYPD's updated force directive post-2020

Module 6: Constitutional Protections & Legal Justifications

- 4th Amendment – Search and seizure
- 8th Amendment – Cruel and unusual punishment
- Use-of-force in arrests and detentions
- Supreme Court rulings on legality
- Qualified immunity and its limits
- **Case Study:** Mullenix v. Luna – Deadly force analysis

Module 7: Tactical and Ethical Decision-Making

- Ethics in policing and military action
- Split-second judgment and responsibility
- Avoidance of lethal options
- Risk assessments under pressure
- Legal aftermath of wrong decisions
- **Case Study:** Breonna Taylor case – ethical implications

Module 8: Crisis De-Escalation Techniques

- Non-violent communication strategies
- Role of mental health awareness
- Cultural competence and empathy
- De-escalation in domestic disputes
- Avoidance of force escalation
- **Case Study:** Behavioral health calls in San Antonio PD

Module 9: Video Evidence & Body Camera Review

- Legal requirements for recording use-of-force

- Body cam best practices
- Analyzing footage in investigations
- Public trust vs. internal review
- Ethical release of video materials
- **Case Study:** Daunte Wright footage review process

Module 10: Racial Bias & Force Application

- Implicit bias in high-risk situations
- Disparity in use-of-force by demographics
- Community-police relations
- Race-neutral policy enforcement
- Corrective training programs
- **Case Study:** DOJ report on Ferguson, MO

Module 11: Civilian Oversight & Accountability

- Role of review boards and ombudsman
- Transparency in investigations
- Sanctions for policy violations
- Internal affairs vs. independent reviews
- Legal remedies and compensations
- **Case Study:** Minneapolis Civilian Review Authority impact

Module 12: Global Perspectives on Force Policies

- Comparative analysis of force regulations
- Europe, Asia, and Africa enforcement models
- UN peacekeeping force regulations
- Successes and failures in global practices
- Applicability to local reform
- **Case Study:** UK vs. US police force comparison

Module 13: Military Engagement Rules of Force

- ROEs vs. civilian use-of-force rules
- Battlefield vs. urban engagement legalities
- Cross-border pursuit and sovereignty
- Military tribunals and accountability
- War crimes related to excessive force
- **Case Study:** Iraq detainee abuse investigation

Module 14: Officer Wellness & Force Response

- Psychological impacts of using force
- Support programs for trauma
- Fatigue and force misjudgment
- Peer counseling and resilience training
- Preventive mental health policies
- **Case Study:** Post-shooting trauma recovery protocol

Module 15: Building Trust Through Policy Reform

- Community engagement strategies
- Restorative justice initiatives
- Transparency and public relations

- Incorporating civilian voices in policy
- Long-term impact of reforms
- **Case Study:** Camden PD's full force policy overhaul

Training Methodology

- Interactive lectures using current case law and examples
- Group exercises on policy review and legal analysis
- Scenario-based simulations and decision trees
- Panel discussions with law enforcement and legal experts
- Policy writing workshops and mock reviews
- Real-life case study reviews and group presentations

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000

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23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000

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