



**CONTEMPORARY TACTICAL STRATEGIES & OFFICER
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1. “ _____ Force leads to _____ Force”
2. _____ with a gun to gain mental compliance is often a bad idea.
3. Police Use of Force must _____ directly and proportionately with the suspect’s resistance.
4. Approximately _____% of the people shot by police had documents signs of mental illness.
5. “Low Crime or No Crime...And You’re on _____.
6. Our greatest and most likely challenges today, involve the _____ adversary.
7. With surprisingly frequency, _____ situations involving such persons results in the application of force, with agency criticism, litigation, and even criminal charges following.
8. The most common legal challenge you potentially face today:

9. Where does police Use of Force authority originate? _____
10. One definition of “seizure” is force that is _____ applied.
11. What are the constitutional limitations on how much force we can use?
_____. Which case establishes this? _____



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12. Should a Mentally Ill person be treated differently than a normal suspect when doing the same type of criminal behavior? _____.

13. Since “the Due Process Clause does not require the State to provide protective services, it follows that the State _____ be held liable under the Clause for injuries that could have been averted had it chosen to provide them.

14. Recognize where the true liability is found, and _____ such scenes when logical, reasonable, and appropriate.

15. In cases involving “mind body disconnect”, the focus must be on _____ as opposed to _____.

16. Interaction with violent/mentally ill, self-medicated, and suicidal subjects are a focus of _____ litigation cases today.

17. Managing Officer created jeopardy is: preventing officers from creating jeopardy via _____ and _____ physical confrontations

18. Avoid _____ commands such as “Drop the knife” or “get on the ground”. They might seem to be straightforward and easy to understand under normal circumstances but mentally ill patients don’t think straightforward and logical.

19. Case Law has identified that officers have been found negligent in wrongful death cases when they do _____ try to de-escalate a volatile situation before utilizing deadly force.

20. De-Escalation can involve both: _____ and _____ activity



FILL IN THE BLANK ANSWER KEY

1. Ineffective, Excessive
2. Posturing
3. Decrease
4. 33%
5. Thin ice
6. Unconventional
7. Helping
8. A Title 42, 1983 Civil Rights Claim of Unreasonable Force.
9. 4th Amendment
10. Intentionally
11. Reasonableness Standard, Graham V. Connor
12. Yes
13. Cannot
14. Leave
15. Custody, Compliance
16. 4th Amendment
17. Unnecessary and avoidable
18. Repeated
19. Not
20. Physical & Verbal

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