

Officer Safety Tactics Tactical Communication & **Assault** Prevention

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Course Goals

- Personal Safety
- Decreased Force Escalation
- Enhanced Professionalism
- Decreased Complaints
- Decreased Liability
- Decreased Stress

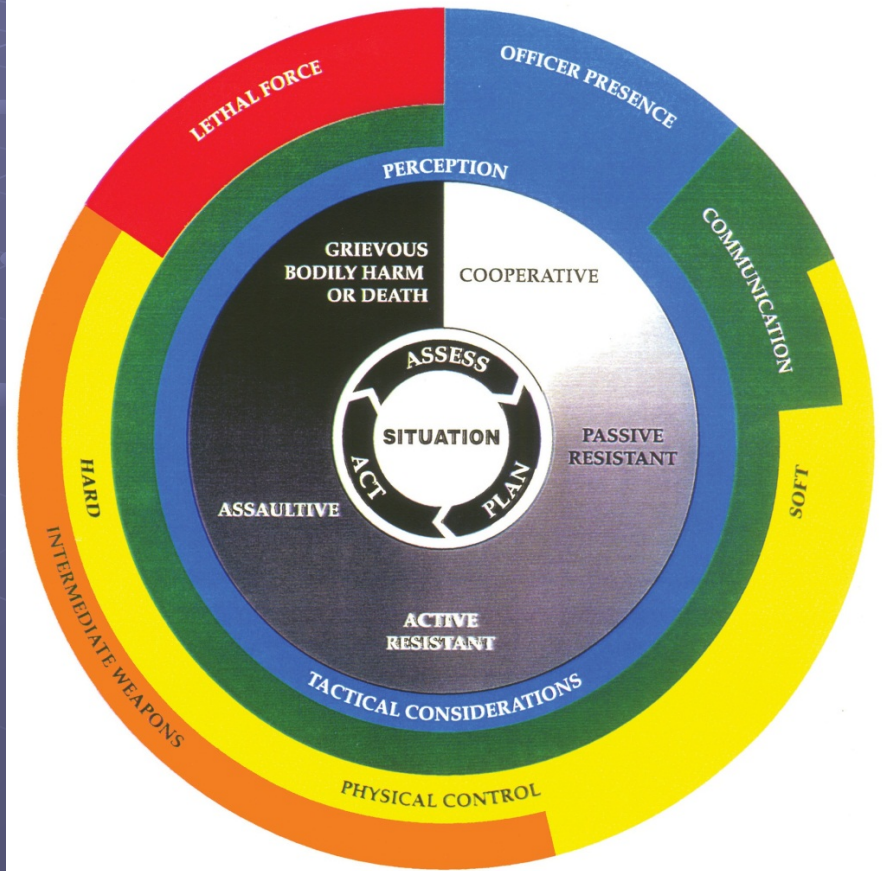


Force Options Context

- Presence
- Dialogue
- Empty Hand Control
- Compliance Tools
- Firearm

“Losing is not a Force Option”

National Use of Force Model

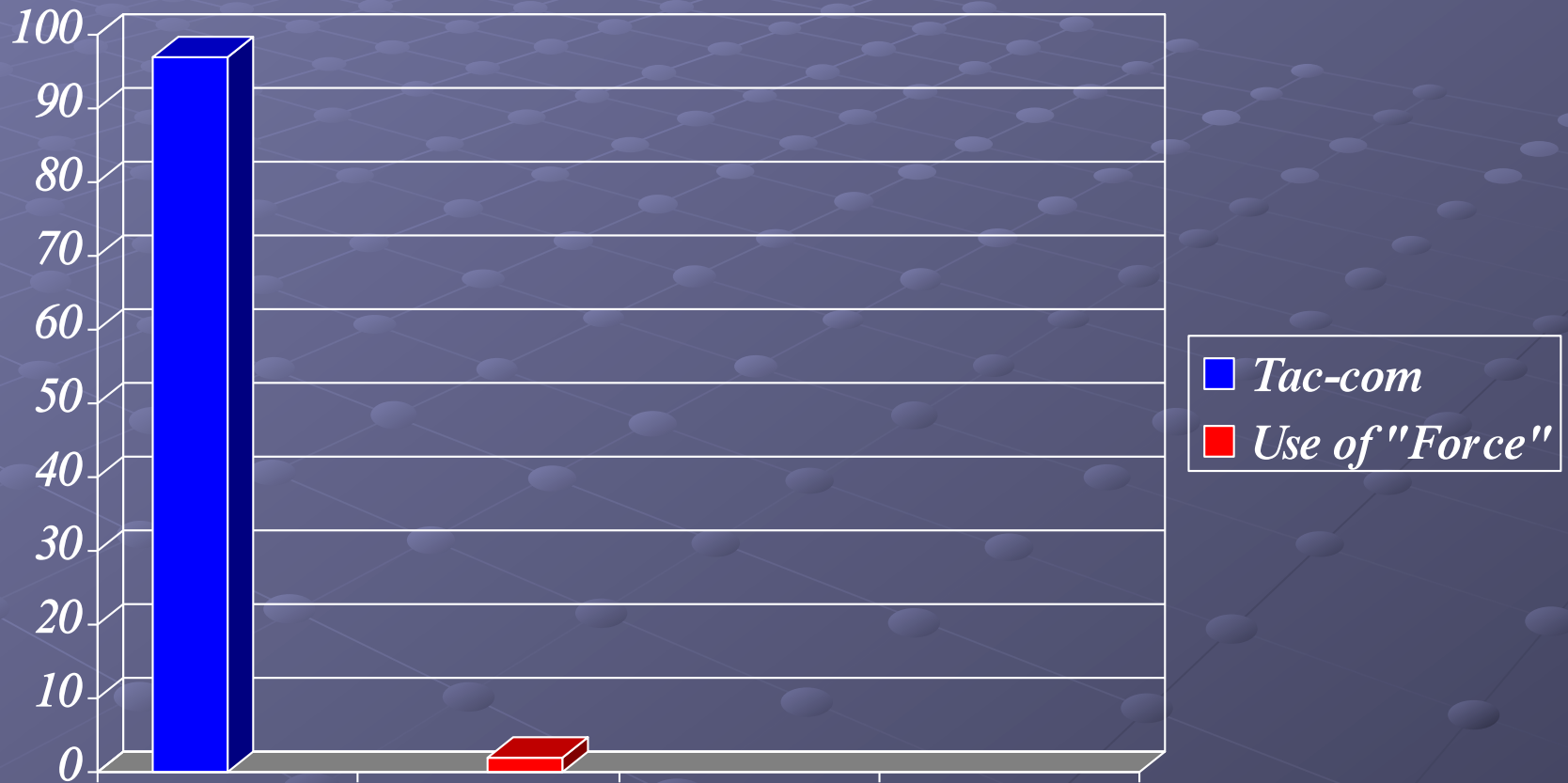


The officer continuously assesses the situation and acts in a reasonable manner to ensure officer and public safety.

LAPD Use of Force Matrix



Use of Force Graph



97% presence/words 3% actions

Tac Comm Pie Chart

The 3 ingredients of a message

- Words
- Body Language
- Other Non Verbal



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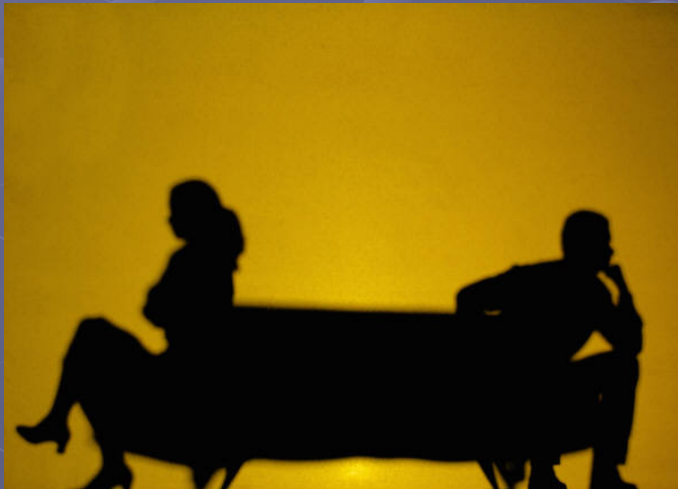
- Listening
(4 steps to being an active listener)
- Empathizing
- Asking
- Paraphrasing

Barriers to Communication

- Intoxicants
- Emotions
- Proxemics
- MHA
- Language
- Body Language
- Posturing
- Over Presence (by the officer)



Reading Body Language etc!



"A picture doth not a totality of circumstances make"

More body language cues!



Dealing with Verbal Abuse!



Wow!



Not How We Deal With Verbal Abuse!



Verbal Abuse



Don't Make It Personal It's just Business...



- Have a lawful reason/purpose before telling someone what to do
- Don't make it personal – that's what they want!
- Be Professional, polite, but confident!

Strip Phrases

- 1. “preciate that, but....” we still need you to -
- 2. “I unnerstand that, but...” the law requires -
- 3. “I hear what your sayin, but...”
- 4. “Maybe so, but...” we can’t allow you to -
- 5. “I got that, but...” it’s time for us to
- Use “we” instead
- Can substitute “and” instead of but

“Guru” George Thompson Verbal Judo Institute

“Give them the last word, you get the last act” GT

Advantages to Strip Phrases

- Disempowers person
- Refocuses task
- Feels good
- Looks/sounds good
- Nullifies personal triggers
- Tactical plan empowers the officer

Needed a Strip Phrase



Tempered Response

- Maintain Composure
- Perfect practice makes perfect!



Verbal abuse

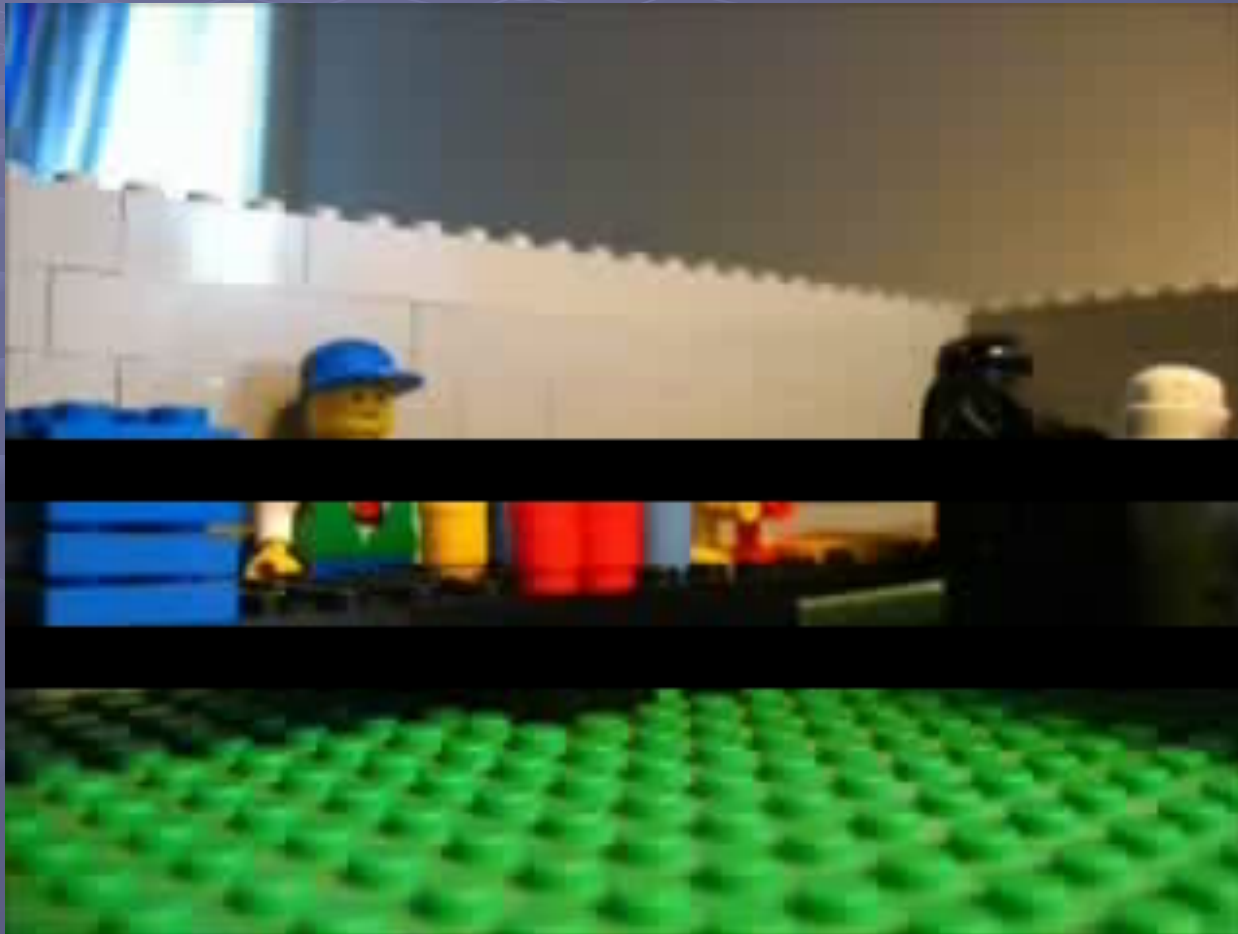


Mara Salvatrucha 13



- MS 13 et al
- Other infamous gangs
- Have codes of conduct
- Don't use slang unless you know it all!
- "Understand your adversary..."
- # 1 Rule (Lou Savelli NYPD ret.)...

Dangerous people!



Too Much



4 Stages of Reaction Time

- Perceive
- Analyze
- Formulate Plan
- Execute Plan

● *.75 second*



Warning Signs...



- Furtive Glances
- Looking away while “listening”
- Asking you to repeat the question/comment (“huh?”)
- Head shaking (quickly)
- Clenched Jaw/Pursed lips
- Deep inhale

Precursors to Assault

(Fight or Flight Syndrome)

- Adrenalin dump
- Skin color
- 1,000m stare
- Verbalization-profanity
- Relative positioning
- Hands/feet
- Body language

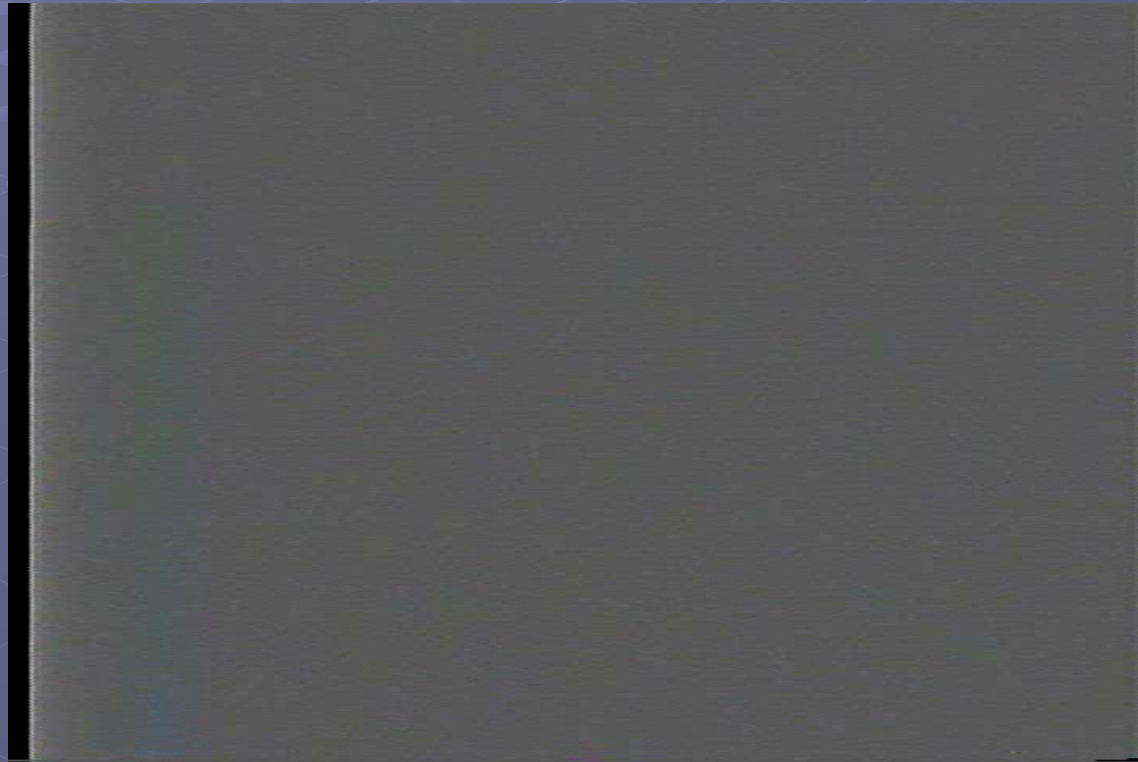


Preventative Tactics

- Situational awareness
- Time=Distance
- Shielding
- Positioning
- Presence
(polite confidence)
- De-escalate
(Good Tac Comm)
- Options
(cover officers, implied force)
- Consider Available Exits



Pre Assault Indicators



Gadget Dependency, Team Tactics and Poor dialogue skills



Hockey Fights (tough guys & gals...kinda)





Train Hard...

Win Easy...



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