

ILLINOIS STATE POLICE DIRECTIVE OPS-054, OFFICER SURVIVAL TRAINING

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RELATED DOCUMENTS: OPS-002, OPS-010, OPS-046	RELATED CALEA STANDARDS: 1.3.6, 1.3.7, 1.3.13

I. POLICY

The Illinois State Police (ISP) will provide officer survival training to officers based upon a review of use of force incidents.

II. DEFINITIONS

II.A. Encounter

- II.A.1. A physical encounter occurs when an officer is compelled to use force to achieve compliance. This does not include officer presence or the use of handcuffs on a cooperative subject.
- II.A.2. A verbal encounter occurs when an officer prevents an imminent physical encounter using verbal tactics.

II.B. Officer Survival Incident (OSI) - an encounter meeting any of the following criteria:

- II.B.1. The use of firearms or other weapons (including CEW, baton or pepper spray)
- II.B.2. The threat of injury or great bodily harm to the Officer
- II.B.3. When an officer or another person is injured due to:
 - II.B.3.a. A physical encounter
 - II.B.3.b. Roadblocks
 - II.B.3.c. Escape or attempted escape of a prisoner
 - II.B.3.d. Automotive incidents where a vehicle was used as a weapon

II.C. Use of Force Incident (UFI) – an action, other than Officer presence or a verbal encounter, which constitutes a use of force in the ISP Officer Response to Resistance Model (Addendum 1 of OPS-046), to achieve compliance in a subject.

II.D. Use of Force Incident Review Committee (UFIRC) – a committee established to review all Use of Force Incidents submitted by ISP personnel.

- II.D.1. All UFIs, regardless of the amount of force used, will be documented as an “Encounter” utilizing the ISP Field Report (ISP 5-048), or Investigative Report (ISP 4-003) via TraCS software.
- II.D.2. The Officer Survival Training Coordinator will chair the committee. The Chairperson shall only render a decision in UFI reviews when the Committee has reached a stalemate. The Committee shall be comprised of five officers to be appointed in the following manner:
 - II.D.2.a. The Division of Operations Colonel will appoint one officer holding the rank of Lieutenant or above and one additional officer.
 - II.D.2.b. The Division of Administration provides the Chairperson as well as one additional officer appointed by the Academy Commander.
 - II.D.2.c. The Division of Internal Investigations Colonel will appoint one officer.
 - II.D.2.d. The Division of Forensic Services Colonel will appoint one officer.
- II.D.3. Consideration should be given to officers who hold the rank of Master Sergeant and above and may be given to officers who hold instructor status in the following training disciplines: CAT Firearms, Taser, Crowd Control, Canine and Rapid Deployment.

- II.D.4. When required, the Operations Officer of the officer(s) involved in the UFI will present the case as well as inform the Committee on any additional circumstances detailing the officer's actions. If the Operations Officer was also involved in the incident, the work unit Commander will present the case.

III. PROCEDURES

III.A. Notifications

- III.A.1. Each officer will notify his/her supervisor immediately of any OSI, either on-duty or off-duty, and thoroughly document the OSI by completing the UFI Review form (ISP 1-256), in addition to an ISP Field Report (ISP 5-048), or Investigative Report (ISP 4-00AS3) (available in the ISP Document Library at <http://maphome/documentlibrary/>) or via TraCS software.
- III.A.2. The supervisor will notify, through the chain-of-command, the Unit Commander, or his/her designee, of the incident and comply with its own division's internal notification protocol, if applicable.
- III.A.3. The Unit Commander or designee will ensure notification is made to the Academy and the requirements of OPS-010 are met.
- III.A.4. In addition to the normal routing of a report, a copy of any report and accompanying addenda and/or video medium documenting a physical encounter or officer survival incident will be reviewed by the supervisor and forwarded through the appropriate Lieutenant Colonel to the UFIRC, ISP Academy. The Officer Survival Training Coordinator will maintain a file of all reports received for review by the UFIRC.
- III.A.5. If the OSI involved the use of deadly force, in addition to procedures established in this directive, procedures established in ISP Directive OPS-002, "Weapons Discharge/Deadly Force Investigations," must be followed.
- III.A.6. In the case of any excessive force complaints, the Division of Internal Investigations will consult with a use of force expert in the Officer Survival Section at the Academy.

- III.B. The Officer Survival Training Coordinator will facilitate meetings of the UFIRC on a quarterly basis or as needed. Nothing will preclude an emergency meeting of the UFIRC. A quorum of four is required to render a decision by the UFIRC on any incidents. The UFIRC will review all reports received and:

- III.B.1. Determine if the report meets the criteria to be classified as an encounter or officer survival incident.
- III.B.2. Determine if the force used by ISP personnel in the incident was appropriate.
- III.B.3. Track the frequency and success of Control and Arrest Tactics (CAT) techniques used by ISP personnel.
- III.B.4. Recommend revisions to the Cadet and In-service CAT Training Program.

- III.C. The Officer Survival Training Coordinator will:

- III.C.1. Create and forward an annual report by March 1 of each year to the Academy Commander that summarizes the findings and recommendations of the Committee (ISP Directive OPS-046, "Use of Force").
- III.C.2. Notify the Academy Commander of any information/training warranting immediate dissemination to the field.

III.D. Review and Dissemination

- III.D.1. The Academy will maintain a file of the pertinent facts relating to each incident. This information will be used to identify and compare actions taken by officers that contributed to survival.
- III.D.2. The ISP Legal Office will review information relating to incidents where civil litigation or criminal charges are pending or anticipated prior to the information being released.
- III.D.3. When appropriate, officers involved in UFI or OSIs may be scheduled to address Cadets or officers about the incident, its aftermath, and the importance of officer survival training.
- III.D.4. Upon the conclusion of any department investigation UFI, a copy of the report and any training recommendations will be forwarded to the Academy.

III.E. Training Materials

- III.E.1. Training materials produced by the Department based on actual UFIs or OSIs are restricted to Academy-approved purposes only. The Director must approve in writing the release of officer survival training materials outside of the Department prior to dissemination.
- III.E.2. The Academy will store materials in a restricted access area.
- III.E.3. Copying of the training materials described in III.E.1. is limited to the actual number required for training purposes.
 - III.E.3.a. Copies of audio-visual materials will be numbered.
 - III.E.3.b. The Academy Librarian will be responsible for signing the materials out to authorized ISP personnel following approval by the Commander of Training or his/her designee.
- III.E.4. Audio-visual materials will contain the following statement:
 - "The information contained herein is for law enforcement training purposes only. Possession of this material is limited to Illinois State Police personnel, unless otherwise approved in writing by the Director of the Illinois State Police. Copying without the permission of the Illinois State Police is prohibited."
- III.E.5. Materials should be copyrighted when appropriate.

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