

Geoffrey Alpert, Ph.D Geoff Alpert is professor and chair of the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of South Carolina. Dr. Alpert has been conducting research on high-risk police activities for more than 25 years, and is widely published in this area. His latest book titled “Understanding Police Use of Force: Officers, Suspects and Reciprocity” (with R. Dunham) was recently published by Cambridge University Press. Dr. Alpert just completed a study (funded by the National Institute of Justice) on police officer decision-making in Savannah, Georgia, and a major investigation of racial profiling for the Miami-Dade County, FL, Police Department. He is currently working on a racial profiling study for the city of Los Angeles, California. Dr. Alpert has recently received funding from the National Institute of Justice to conduct a national study on police use of force looking at conducted energy devices, and officer and suspect injuries.

In this session, Dr. Alpert will outline the reasons why agencies need to collect information on use of force applications, and discuss alternative methods for collecting information and then incorporating data into training and policies. Examples of reporting forms will be presented, with their various strengths and weaknesses identified and examined. Participants in this session will have an opportunity to create their own reporting form and develop a plan for departmental implementation.

Deputy Chief Mike Ault A 32 year veteran police officer, Deputy Chief Ault currently commands the Professional Standards Division in the Las Vegas, NV, Metropolitan Police Department. In that capacity he is responsible for managing the internal affairs process, employment diversity issues and investigations, the quality assurance process for inspections and accreditation compliance, administration of grant funding, and policy and planning.

In his session, Deputy Chief Ault will discuss the history of in-custody deaths proximal to police use of force, and provide an overview of contemporary research and emerging issues associated with excited delirium. Touching upon use of force investigations, policy development, emergency medical liaison and tactical training, this presentation will include discussion of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police response to the phenomenon of excited delirium, a complex array of physical issues often related to in-custody deaths.

Chief Paul Battershill Following a distinguished 23 year career in the Vancouver, British Columbia, Police Department, Paul Battershill was appointed Chief of the Victoria, BC, Police in 1999. Past Chair of the RCMP National Forensic Laboratory Advisory Group, in 2003, Chief Battershill established a forensic data technology section in the Victoria Police Department. In 2004, he was named by the BC Police Complaint Commission as Chief External Investigator for the review of TASERS in British Columbia. Chief Battershill holds a BS degree in Clinical Biochemistry from the University of British Columbia.

In his remarks, Chief Battershill will discuss the year-long examination (2004-2005) of the use of TASERS by police in British Columbia and Canada. Initially commissioned by British Columbia’s Police Complaint Commissioner, this study involved a multi-disciplinary police team, and also included extensive consultation with medical and scientific experts. The

examination ultimately established protocols for the use of TASERS, as well as documentation of contra-indicators and training needs. A crucial aspect of the study included an examination of excited delirium and its implications for law enforcement. The results of the Victoria study have been adopted at a national level by the Canadian Police Research Council.

Deputy Chief Michael Berkow As commanding officer of the Los Angeles Police Department Professional Standards Bureau, Chief Berkow is responsible for all anti-corruption and misconduct investigations in that agency. Prior to this appointment with the LAPD, he served as Chief of Police in Irvine, California. Deputy Chief Berkow holds a B.A. in sociology from Kalamazoo College in Michigan, a Masters from Johns Hopkins University, and a J.D. from the Syracuse University School of Law.

In his keynote address, Deputy Chief Berkow will challenge participants at the Use of Force Summit to examine ways in which force is employed, the process by which it is investigated, and the manner in which it is articulated to the public.

Dr. Christine Hall Dr. Hall is a practicing emergency room physician in the Calgary Health region. She is a specialist in emergency medicine, and a flight physician with STARS (Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society of Alberta). A Clinical Epidemiologist, her research interests are in emergency medicine and prehospital care. Dr. Hall is currently Program Director for the Royal College Program in Emergency Medicine at the University of Calgary, and a clinical lecturer at the University of Calgary, Faculty of Medicine.

In her remarks, Dr. Hall will discuss the past and present medical theories regarding sudden death proximal to police restraint. Theories will be reviewed as they pertain to police practices, with a view to improving knowledge of what has dictated changes in police procedure with respect to restraint. Some time will also be spent on the use of conducted energy weapons as they relate to current and previous medical theories. Finally, Dr. Hall will discuss excited delirium ... what it is and what it isn't.

Major Steve Ijames A 27 year veteran of law enforcement, Steve Ijames holds the rank of Major in the Springfield, Missouri, Police Department. In 1989 he was involved in the formation of his agency's full time tactical unit, and was ultimately appointed special operations commander. An original member of the National Tactical Officers Association (NTOA) board of directors, Major Ijames was involved in developing and teaching the NTOA and IACP less-lethal force options "train-the-trainer" programs. He has provided that training across the United States and in 31 foreign countries, and is regularly called upon to provide agency litigation defense when the use of such tools are under scrutiny.

In his session, Major Ijames will discuss the current best practices in the law enforcement use of a wide range of less-lethal weapons.

Charles Mesloh, Ph.D A retired law enforcement K9 handler and training officer with extensive experience in less-lethal weapons, Dr. Mesloh is currently Assistant Professor and Director of the Weapons and Equipment Research Institute at Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Myers, Florida. Under several different grants, he is currently testing and evaluating a broad spectrum

of weapons for application in both law enforcement and civilian deployments.

In his session, Dr. Mesloh will provide an overview and discuss existing technology in the broad area of less-lethal weapons.

Captain Greg Meyer With 30 years of police experience, Captain Greg Meyer is currently assigned to the Los Angeles, CA, Police Academy. He is chair of the Training Seminars Committee of the Peace Officers Association of Los Angeles County, and a member of the advisory board for "POLICE" magazine. He is also a member of the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) and the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). Captain Meyer holds the Certified Litigation Specialist credential of the Americans for Effective Law Enforcement (AELE). A police tactics consultant, author, lecturer, trainer and expert witness, Greg specializes in risk-management issues including policy, training, equipment, tactics, supervision, and review processes, with a focus on injury reduction during lethal and nonlethal encounters. He is an expert witness for the defense during the Rodney King federal civil trial, and a consultant for the defense during the sentencing phase of the criminal trial. Captain Meyer has also served as a consultant to the California Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission Round Table on Pepper Spray Policy and Training Standards, and is recipient of Defensive Tactics Newsletter's leadership award for his research in the nonlethal weapons field. Greg was primary researcher for LAPD's nonlethal weapons program, especially for the TASER device and chemical irritant sprays, and designer of the LAPD use of force report. He has certified hundreds of instructors nationwide, including SWAT personnel, on the TASER device, and was a reviewer and editor for police attorney Michael P. Stone's bulletin "Lethal Force and Law Enforcement Activity - Related Deaths - A Suggested Protocol for Investigation." He also wrote the use-of-force chapter for the recent Penn State University textbook titled "Handbook of Criminal Justice Administration." Greg holds a master's degree in public administration for California State University at Los Angeles, where he published his thesis titled "Nonlethal Weapons vs. Conventional Police Tactics: The Los Angeles Police Department Experience."

In his remarks, Captain Meyer will discuss policy and training issues on nonlethal weapons, especially the TASER device, along with an overview of recent medical and tactical research bearing upon the achievement of "best practices." Touching upon effectiveness and injury outcomes of nonlethal weapons vs. conventional police tactics, this session will also provide a prescription for law enforcement leaders to assess and improve their own use of force programs.

Mr. Timothy Sands A Los Angeles Police Department Officer with 31 years of experience, Mr. Sands has 14 years of experience as an employee representative. For the past 8 years he has been a Director of the Los Angeles Police Protective League, and currently serves as Vice President and Legal Chairman of that organization.

With Mr. Gary Ingermunsion, staff attorney for the Los Angeles Police Protective League, Mr. Sands will discuss and provide perspective on the use of force from the point of view of the line police officer.

Jason Schuette, Esq. As head of the Civil Rights section of the Dallas, TX, city Attorney's Office, Mr. Schuette is responsible for handling claims and lawsuits alleging deprivations of federal or state rights such as claims of unlawful detention and arrest, unlawful search, and excessive force. In addition to those traditional civil rights matters, he has been deeply involved in Dallas' successful litigation regarding regulation of sexually oriented businesses.

In his remarks, Mr. Schuette will discuss the ever-increasing pressure police officers face to make legally and politically defensible decisions when using force. In that regard, governmental entities that employ those officers must anticipate not only what training will be needed to prepare its law enforcement officers on a continuing basis, but must also be mindful of the need for proper supervision. Mr. Schuette will also discuss the facets of a successful approach to training and supervision that contemplates the inevitable litigation of excessive force claims, including the effect of the qualified immunity doctrine on the prosecution and defense claims against individual officers.

Dr. Gary W. Sykes Formerly the vice president for Law Enforcement Education of The Center for American and International Law and director of the Institute for Law Enforcement Administration, Dr. Sykes is Visiting Professor of Criminal Justice at Mercyhurst College in Erie, Pennsylvania. Gary Sykes holds a Bachelors Degree, a Masters Degree, and a Ph.D. (awarded in 1976) from The Pennsylvania State University. He also received a Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Criminology at the University of Virginia in 1977. He served on the faculties of Berea College (1973-78), the University of Wisconsin-Superior (1978-81), the University of Louisville (1981-89), Penn State University as a Graduate Teaching Fellow, and has been an invited lecturer at numerous colleges, universities and professional conferences. In 1992, Dr. Sykes helped to create the Center for Law Enforcement Ethics at the Institute for Law Enforcement Administration (formerly the Southwestern Law Enforcement Institute). He has directed seminars and workshops on Quality Management in Law Enforcement and worked with several agencies implementing Community Policing programs.

In his plenary session address, Gary Sykes will discuss "Ethics and the Use of Less-Lethal Force."