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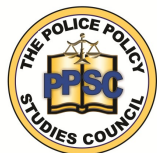
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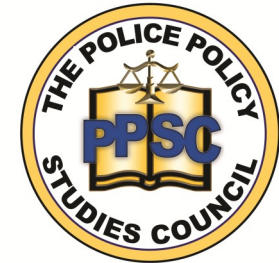


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**Deadly Force  
Management<sup>®</sup>  
Seminar**

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# Deadly Force Management Seminar™

## Course Overview

DFM is a cutting-edge, three-day, 20-hour academic program. It has been structured to meet the needs of experienced law enforcement trainers, administrators and investigators tasked with managing deadly force issues. Although DFM follows a seminar structure, it affords student-instructor interactivity through small class size.

DFM pulls no punches! It is unconstrained by any bias oriented toward defending the status quo of police deadly force training, policies or procedures.

Though this program does NOT involve a written examination, student performance objectives are outlined (below) to highlight specific course content.

### Upon completion of this course, the attendee;

- Will be familiar with relevant Federal deadly force case law.
- Will become familiar with the 75+ deadly force variables that agencies should be attempting to document and correlate.
- Will understand how to conduct comprehensive assessment of a firearms training program.
- Will be able to describe elements of a court-defensible deadly force policy.
- Will be able to identify situational and behavioral precursors to police applications of deadly force.
- Will know the frequency in which police officers misapply deadly force.
- Will know the most significant correlates associated with mistaken use of deadly force.
- Will know the occupationally and contextually specific definition of "furtive movement."
- Will know when a "furtive movement" shooting is objectively reasonable.
- Will know what "Threat Reflex" shootings are, and when they are most likely to occur.

- Will identify the most significant correlate pertinent to officer hit ratios and volume of fire.
- Will be able to list the most influential correlates within bunch-shooting incidents.
- Will be able to list the most important operational aspects of policing under low light conditions.
- Will be able to identify the degree of decline in marksmanship and the escalation of volume of fire associated with confrontations occurring under low light conditions.
- Will be able to identify the degree of frequency in which mistake-of-fact shootings occur under low light conditions.
- Will understand the process in which perceptual shorthand contributes to mistake-of-fact shootings.
- Will understand what "Death by Defiance™" is, and how to recognize it as a street dynamic.
- Will know the strategy by which mistake-of-fact shootings might be attenuated.
- Will be able to identify critical differences between "contagious fire, "mass-reflexive response" and "synchronous fire."
- Will be able to identify what the "Split-Second Syndrome" is, and how to properly address it.
- Will know the genesis of, as well as the policy and training implications of so-called "officer-created jeopardy."
- Will know how often deadly force is being applied AFTER less-lethal and less-than-lethal devices have failed to produce the desired results.
- Will know the intervals of deadly force training, qualification and "certification" recommended by PPSC.
- Will be able to identify a comprehensive strategy pertinent to officers who fail to meet deadly force certification standards.
- Will be able to identify those training and policy issues pertinent to addressing concealed carry of duty and off-duty firearms.
- Will understand when and to what extent OIS dash-cam video should be viewed by officers prior to taking their formal statements.

### Who Should Attend This Seminar?

- This seminar is a must for police trainers.
- Investigators who are tasked with the investigation of officer-involved shootings will find this seminar extremely enlightening, if not essential.
- Policy makers and police administrators will also benefit greatly from this series of presentations. Numerous policy and procedural issues are explored.
- Prosecuting attorneys, and those tasked with defending officers accused of using inappropriate or excessive levels of force.
- City, county and state administrators tasked with managing vicarious liability and/or public relations.

### Course Instructor: Thomas J. Aveni, MSFP

Mr. Aveni began service as a police officer in 1979, and has been a police training specialist since 1983. Most recently, he served as a police training coordinator with Smith & Wesson Academy from 1990-2001. He currently serves as a staff researcher and forensic consultant with the Police Policy Studies Council.

Tom Aveni has undergraduate degrees in Criminal Justice, and an MS in Forensic Psychology. He has authored numerous articles that have been published in police periodicals, and has structured, completed and published two very authoritative deadly force studies.

Length	3 days/ 24 hours
Tuition	\$395
Dates	Call or visit our website
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