

Law enforcement authorities in Lane County, Oregon have created a program that explains the realities of officer-involved shootings while dispelling common myths relating to the use of deadly force. This 17 minute video tackles seven of the most prevalent myths surrounding law enforcement use of force, discusses dynamics involved in police shootings and the related investigations, and highlights the importance of a coordinated, collaborative and transparent investigation and subsequent community outreach. The video also highlights the limitations of human perception, reaction and performance, and introduces viewers to the force-dynamics and the science associated with investigating life-or-death confrontations and the use of deadly force.

*"This important video will help enlighten the public and those who sit in judgement of law enforcement officers as to the often extraordinary physical and mental challenges officers face during high-stress, rapidly unfolding encounters and give them a better understanding of the realities of human dynamics that must be taken into consideration when investigating and evaluating these events."*

— Dr. Bill Lewinski  
Executive Director, Force Science Institute, Ltd.

*"Lane County has produced an excellent video that discusses some of the difficult and complex realities of officer involved shootings. It is a valuable tool for introducing everyone, police and citizens alike, to these concepts."*

— Alexis Artwohl, Ph.D.

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