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Situational Awareness/ Unknown Threat	Yes	Four officers located a suspect in a backyard after he ran from them. The officers all had weapons drawn and found themselves in a cross-fire situation.	Two different groups of two officers arrived shortly after one another. Could have slowed down and realized the situation sooner.	Slow down, be aware of situational changes, and be ready to transition.	Discuss at future roll calls.	*Mobile Academy: Firearms Simulator
Situational Awareness/ Unknown Threat	Yes	Officers searched a building and entered through the front door. Rear door was not covered and suspect ran out.	Complacency, didn't anticipate suspect being inside.	Make odds favorable for us. Wait for back up to cover all avenues of escape, even on "ordinary" calls for service.	Discuss at future roll calls.	*Critical Survival Skills for Patrol Officers
Situational Awareness/ Unknown Threat	Yes	Officer responded to a wanted person call and was told the suspect ran out of the back door. Officer jogged around back and was chased by a dog and subsequently bitten. "Beware of Dogs" sign posted.	Got excited and was complacent. Didn't see posted sign and could've slowed down approaching back yard.	Pay attention to surroundings and heed warnings that given/posted.	Discuss at future roll calls.	
Situational Awareness/ Unknown Threat	Yes	Officers conducted a traffic stop for window tint. Driver's window was rolled up and officer couldn't see inside. Officer proceeded to the driver's window and back up officer noticed a gun in the driver's lap. Vehicle fled.	Approached the very dark tinted window exposing himself and leaving himself susceptible to a surprise attack.	Slow down and take extra precautions. Utilize cruiser loud speaker system and other officer safety tactics.	Discuss at future roll calls.	*Critical Survival Skills for Patrol Officers



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Situational Awareness/ Unknown Threat	Yes	Officer searched for suspect after he had ran from them. Officer searched the rear of a residence, noticed a tarp near the porch but disregarded it. Another officer lifted up the tarp and located the suspect.	Tunnel vision. Officer didn't really consider that suspect could've been under the tarp even though he saw it. Officer just assumed the suspect continued running.	Slow down when you lose sight of a suspect so that you are able to recognize potential hiding places.	Discuss at future roll calls.	*Foot Pursuit Techniques & Officer Safety Tactics
Situational Awareness/ Unknown Threat	Yes	Officers responded to an open door and proceeded to conduct a perimeter search. While walking to the back yard, officer was concentrated on the house in question when a vicious neighbor dog sprinted toward him in "attack mode." Officer ran back and the dog's chain ran out of slack and was unable to bite the officer.	Complacency. Officer was not scanning his surroundings and could have saw the dog earlier.	Be aware of your surroundings, have your head on a swivel.	Discuss at future roll calls.	*Below 100/*Bulletproof Mind/*VALOR Training



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Situational Awareness/ Unknown Threat	Yes	Officers responded to a domestic situation and suspect fled on foot. Officers split up as the male ran around a nearby garage. Suspect had an unknown dark object in his hand when he rounded the corner and met an officer. Officer could not differentiate the object from a weapon and suspect did not comply with orders. As the suspect turned around, officer determined that the object was a cell phone.	Officer second guessed himself about using deadly force and felt that it could have ended badly for him.	We all have different threat levels and get certain senses that can influence our decisions.	Discuss at future roll calls.	*Foot Pursuit Techniques & Officer Safety Tactics
Situational Awareness/ Unknown Threat	Yes	Officer gave a ride to two men who were later found to be armed and have felony warrants.	Complacency and not following procedures.	Always check persons for weapons before placing them in the cruiser and do warrant checks when applicable.		*Lifeline Training: Warrior's Edge
Situational Awareness/ Unknown Threat	Yes	Hidden weapons on individuals after an inadequate search by other officers.	Not completing slow, systematic, searches.	Slow down. One officer conduct search. Search person again if transfer of custody to new officer/cruiser.		Mobile Academy: Subject Control
Situational Awareness/ Unknown Threat	Yes	Bank robber left a "bomb" inside the bank after a robbery.	Criminal/ Terroristic activity	Awareness of secondary devices and IED's used as distraction devices for escape.	Awareness / proper scene management / use of bomb squad.	*Hazmat & WMD Awareness for the First Responder



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Situational Awareness/ Unknown Threat	Yes	Almost getting hit by a car while on a bike.	Distraction.	Use lights/hand signals.	Stay aware of traffic / defensive bike riding.	*Below 100
Situational Awareness/ Unknown Threat	Yes	Vehicle went up on curb and hit electric pole. While waiting for the electric company, officer helped move electrical wires out of the way. Learned later that wire was live, but did not get shocked.	Assumption that wire wasn't live.	Let the electric company handle any electrical wires.		
Situational Awareness/ Unknown Threat	Yes	Officer made traffic stop and conducted SFST's on a driver. During the arrest, a fight ensued and the officer broke his hand and tore his shoulder.	Not following recommendations to have a backup officer present when SFSTs are administered.	Always have a second officer present when you are investigating an OVI.		
Situational Awareness/ Unknown Threat	Yes	Officer had multiple occupants in a stopped vehicle. Focused only on driver and missed contraband being stuffed into the pants of the occupants. Other officers found it later.	Not paying attention to all occupants. Tunnel vision.	Light up the car better with flashlight and spotlight. Call for backup when there are multiple occupants.	Teamwork, request backup even when stops seem simple.	*Basic Vehicle Stops and Tactics



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Situational Awareness/ Unknown Threat	Yes	Officer was dispatched to a residence to take a report. Officer was surprised when the homeowner answered the door holding a gun.	Complacency. Officer had it in his minds that the situation was "just a report" and was not thinking tactically.	Maintain vigilance on all calls. Knock and announce officer presence, especially when knocking on doors late at night--this could lessen the likelihood that a homeowner would mistake officers for some sort of intruder.	Emphasize that officer safety principles apply to all types of calls, all the time.	*Critical Survival Skills for Patrol Officers
Situational Awareness/ Unknown Threat	Yes	While searching under a car seat, officer grabbed a colostomy bag with an ungloved hand. Officer did not bend down to inspect under the seat visually first.	Officer comfort, complacency.	Search with your eyes before you search with your hands.	Don't let expediency sacrifice overall safety.	
Building Searches	Yes	Officer checked a structure alone after finding an open door.	Complacency. Checked so many before with no threat inside. Plus some ego involved with not wanting to wait or tie up anyone else.	Wait for back up to check structures.	Discuss at future roll calls.	
Building Searches	Yes	Officers responded to shots fired, suspects ran into house. House was searched initially and no one was located. Officers conducted a full search on the house later and located wanted felon hiding under clothes.	Complacency.	If a search is conducted, do so thoroughly every time. Suspect did have several good hiding spots throughout the house, but shouldn't have been missed. Suspect had the opportunity to inflict harm on to officers if he desired.	Discuss at future roll calls.	*Search Warrants (Practical)



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Building Searches	Yes	Officers conducted a building search without having their flashlights out when they made entry.	Complacency.	Always ensure the flashlight is out and ready. Officers might not have time to get their flashlight out if a threat presents itself.	Training	Mobile Academy: Firearms; Mobile Academy: Portable Training Facility
Building Searches	Yes	Officers responded to assist in searching a house. Officers already at scene said house was clear. Officers heard something upstairs and found a person hiding.	Officers at scene did not do a thorough job of searching the building.	Do thorough searches.		Mobile Academy: Portable Training Facility; *Search Warrants (Practical)
Building Searches	Yes	Six officers searching large building, one officer almost shot another while searching.	Officers went in different directions instead of searching together.	If you hear something on search yell and announce.	Stress at training academy.	*Critical Survival Skills for Patrol Officers; Mobile Academy: Portable Training Facility
Communication	Yes	Officers responded to a domestic disturbance call. The people in the large angry crowd were threatening each other. One male instigator in particular was not controlled soon enough and a fight broke out in front of officers, who in turn had to use force against him.	Did not call for assistance as soon as officers could have. Did not control male instigator soon enough.	Call for more officers when needed and do not feel like you are burdening another unit. Establish control of scenes/people instantly especially if there is a propensity for violence.	Discuss at future roll calls.	*Lifeline Training: Warrior's Edge



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Communication	Yes	Officers were in a foot chase and cutting between houses. An officer ran across a street and was nearly struck by a responding cruiser.	The officer failed to slow down and look both ways as he was crossing the street.	Additional training reminding officers that several cruisers will be responding.	Training	*Foot Pursuit Techniques & Officer Safety Tactics
Communication	Yes	Officers stopped a shooting suspect vehicle in a gas station parking lot. This presented an officer safety issue because a felony stop was not used and crossfire situation developed.	Neither officer took charge before suspect pulled into gas station.	One officer needs to take charge and call out the stop and that it will be a felony stop. Avoid crossfire situations.		*Basic Vehicle Stops Tactics
Communication	Yes	Officers arriving on scene of a firearms call, arrived directly in front of suspect vehicle, putting them at a tactical disadvantage immediately.	Location was on a blind corner. Officers did not think to park and approach on foot.	Chopper overhead to give officers a heads up. Talking to other responding units to coordinate approach.	Think ahead of where you are responding, coordinate approach with other units. Be ready to respond immediately.	
Communication	Yes	Officer did not mark on a traffic stop, thinking the violation was minor and would be a quick verbal warning. Occupants had warrants and drugs.	Officer made assumptions based on the look of the car and location of the stop.	Follow all rules and SOP for traffic stops.	Think safety at all times. Be alert and do not assume.	*Basic Vehicle Stops and Tactics



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Driving	Yes	Officer was responding to a domestic dispute without lights and siren, and ran several stop signs. Officer was also not wearing a seat belt. No accident occurred and officer made it safely to the scene.	Officer was trying to arrive at scene without alerting the suspect, but also risked his own safety and those of others by violating traffic laws without using lights and sirens.	Either use lights and siren with due regard while driving, or follow all traffic laws while responding to a call.	Review of policy for responding to calls for service at roll call.	*Below 100
Driving	Yes	Officer's vehicle went into a skid while making a turn at high speeds, while responding on an emergency run. Officer regained control and no accident occurred.	Officer was traveling faster than the vehicle could handle while making a turn or officer steered the vehicle incorrectly.	Always be aware of your speed and the road ahead of you.	Reminders to be aware of driving conditions. Attending driving training when available.	* Skid Dynamics and Recovery; Mobile Academy: Driving Simulator
Driving	Yes	Officer ran a red light while looking at his computer and reading the details of a run.	Officer was distracted from driving while trying to gather information on a run he was responding to.	Stop the cruiser to read the computer or ask for information over the radio.	Reiterate the importance of trying to avoid distracted driving.	Mobile Academy: Driving Simulator
Driving	Yes	Officer was involved in an injury accident while driving his motorcycle. At fault driver ran a stop sign and officer struck the at fault vehicle. Officer sustained a broken neck, but was wearing a helmet and is expected to fully recover.	At fault driver disobeyed a traffic control device and the officer did not have enough time to react.	Drive defensively. Don't assume other vehicles will obey traffic signs and signals.	None.	Mobile Academy: Driving Simulator; *Below 100



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Driving	Yes	Officers conducted a felony stop conducted on a potential shooting suspect. The officers were concerned with cruiser placement (suspects facing cruisers)	Officers stopping the vehicle prior to having a safe position and location.	Slow down, combat breathing.	if possible, wait for a safe location and proper cruiser positioning prior to conducting the felony stop.	*Basic Vehicle Stops and Tactics
Driving	Yes	Trash in cruiser, almost causes accident (glass bottle under brake pedal)	Laziness	Clean up after yourself.	Hold officer accountable for condition of cruiser.	
Driving	Yes	Bottle of pop got stuck under brake pedal of wagon, almost did not stop.	Shift before left spit bottle under front seat.	Throw away your trash. Put bottle in cup holder.	Stop using chew in the wagon.	
Driving	Yes	Officer was talking on the radio and driving. Mic cord became wrapped around the steering wheel while turning, causing officer to have to stop and fix the cord.	Holding mic and steering wheel in the same hand.	Keep mic away from steering wheel.		Mobile Academy: Driving Simulator
Driving	Yes	A civilian vehicle pulled out in front of an officer that was running with lights and siren, forcing the officer to stop suddenly to avoid a crash.	Civilian not paying attention. Officer not watching the side streets close enough.	Due regard to others and for safety. Remember the lights and siren don't always make people stop or slow down.	Pay attention to the entire scene in front of you. Don't assume everyone will move out of the way.	*Basic Emergency Vehicle Operations; Mobile Academy: Driving Simulator



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Driving	Yes	Officer responded to an officer in trouble call. While driving, was not buckled and nearly got struck by another cruiser while proceeding through green light.	In a hurry.	Always wear seat belts, especially when responding in Emergency Vehicle Operation status. Slow down and proceed with due regard, even at green lights.	Discuss at future roll calls.	*Below 100
Driving	Yes	Officers were responding to a man with a gun call and were driving faster than normal. Other officers in another cruiser were doing the same. The officers nearly collided at a four-way intersection.	Poor driving.	Slow down and pay attention to surroundings when responding to calls.	Additional driver's training	*Basic Emergency Vehicle Operations; Mobile Academy: Driving Simulator
Driving	Yes	Officers made a traffic stop where the car they stopped, pulled over quicker than the officers anticipated and they did not place their cruiser in a good spot. An impaired driver almost struck the cruiser from behind because of the bad placement.	Officers divided attention between the radio, computer, and driving did not give themselves enough space to react.	If possible, pick the spot where you initiate a traffic stop prior to doing so. Run the plate and advise dispatch in advance of initiating the stop so you can focus on the vehicle.	Always attempt to stop in a tactically safe manner and anticipate where you could put yourself in case another vehicle strikes you or your cruiser.	Mobile Academy: Driving Simulator



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Driving	Yes	Officer was patrolling and watching a suspicious person. The officer was not paying attention to the roadway and was driving too fast on an ice-covered street. The cruiser slid past a stop sign into the intersecting street. No traffic was coming and no accident occurred.	Officer's inability to pay attention to the road conditions and the suspicious persons actions at the same time.	Pay attention to roadway traffic, and observe persons from a safe position/status.		*Below 100; Mobile Academy: Driving Simulator
Driving	Yes	Cruiser was not placed in park as officer exited on traffic stop. Officer corrected action prior to any negative result.	Stress of high risk traffic stop, being involved in several tasks at once.	Make a habit of placing cruiser in park immediately after stopping.	Place cruiser in park prior to exiting.	*Basic Vehicle Stops and Tactics
Driving	Yes	Officer was driving lights and siren and almost lost control of cruiser due to wet leaves being on the ground.	Officer being complacent and not paying attention to season change.	Ensure that officers are reminded that road conditions are different in the fall and winter.		*Basic Emergency Vehicle Operations; Below 100
Equipment	Yes	Substation door that should have been locked was unlocked and a homeless individual walked into the substation during roll call.	Lock was malfunctioning, which was unknown to officers at the time.	Double check substation doors to make sure they lock after closing. Don't assume they always work properly.	Regular facility inspections.	
Equipment	Yes	Staph infection found during search and officer did not have gloves on.	Failure to wear PPE.	Put on gloves/carry gloves on person.		



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Equipment	Yes	Officers were talking after roll call, not getting ready for shift. A firearms call was dispatched and officers left quickly, not taking some needed items for their shift.	Not focused on work, relaxing and socializing.	Must be prepared for duty.	Supervisors and officers must focus on preparing for shift immediately after roll call.	
Firearms	Yes	Officer forgot to place his gun in his holster after leaving the jail (left it in trunk). Officer responded to an alarm and was surprised that his gun was not in his holster.	Inattentive.	Slow down and ensure we are ready before leaving jail.	Discuss at future roll calls.	
Firearms	Yes	Officers involved in a dog shooting. No crossfire, but the potential was there.	Dogs attacking citizens, police respond.	Ensure there is a good backdrop before firing.		Mobile Academy: Firearms/*Combat Marksmanship Skills
Firearms	Yes	Officer left gunbelt, with gun in holster, on the closet floor in his home where young children also live.	Officer returned home from training, not regular duty, and was out of routine. Inattention.	Always secure firearms in a safe or unloaded in a safe location, away from children.	General reminders.	
Firearms	Yes	Officer left a loaded shotgun in an unlocked cruiser, in the substation parking lot, which is not a secure lot.	Officer forgot the shotgun was on the front seat. Officer did not see the shotgun because it was dark and shotgun is black.	Secure the shotgun in the gun rack or trunk. Always lock the cruiser.	Just sharing the story with other officers at roll call.	
Firearms	Yes	Officer found another officer's magazine unseated in duty weapon.	Accidental/mechanical failures.	Officers spoke about the importance of checking their equipment prior to duty.	Make checking equipment part of your routine when preparing for work.	



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Firearms	Yes	Officers entered crossfire during felony stop.	Officers failed to comply with felony stop procedures.	Use training, communicate, and debrief incidents.		*Basic Vehicle Stops and Tactics
Firearms	Yes	Officer escorted a prisoner on his gun side.	Complacency or lack of training.	Better training and ensuring we don't get complacent.	Training reminders.	Mobile Academy: Subject Control
Other	Yes	Officers are hard to understand on radio during high stress situations.	Experience.	Thinking about radio traffic before airing/ taking a breath.	Practicing remaining calm on radio.	**Understanding Stress and Managing Stress
Personnel	Yes	Officer searched a garage by himself before backup arrived. Encountered unexpected multiple rooms in the structure. No one found inside.	Officer wasn't expecting multiple rooms and an attic in the garage.	Always wait for backup before entering for a building search. Don't assume anything about a building you've never been in before.	Review policy.	*Search Warrants (Practical)
Personnel	Yes	Officers responded to a fight where several individuals were involved at an apartment complex. Two officers gave several loud commands which were ignored and the fight continued. Officer utilized mace which broke up the fight.	Officers didn't call for assistance soon enough. They hoped their presence and verbal commands/threats would have been sufficient. Complacency.	Even though the officers dealt with the fight in the correct manner, they feel that they should have called for more units sooner.	Discuss at future roll calls.	



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Personnel	Yes	Officers responded to a domestic violence call involving a male that was barricaded in a residence and potentially armed. They forced entry and arrested him.	Not paying attention to their training. Complacency.	Call SWAT instead of entering the structure.	Additional training.	
Personnel	Yes	An officer responded to an active fight. Upon arrival, he got involved with the fight and attempted to break up the fight without calling for backup. Cinder blocks were thrown through the cruiser's windows and the tires were slashed. The officer was so focused on the fight that he didn't know armed individuals were around him.	Not calling for backup fast enough and getting involved in a situation that required additional officers.	The officer should have waited for back up before engaging the parties involved in the fight.	Wait for backup prior to getting involved in a fight when it can be avoided. Training would help.	*Critical Survival Skills for Patrol Officers
Search & Seizure	Yes	Officer arrested a suspect and missed a knife in the suspect's pants pocket. Suspect was processed through identification and detective interviews before the knife was discovered at the county jail.	Officer either didn't feel the knife in the suspects pocket or failed to search that pocket.	Be consistent in searches using a systematic technique.	None.	Mobile Academy: Subject Control



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Search & Seizure	Yes	People are starting to carry guns over their sternum and they often get missed during patdowns.	Not patting down as trained.	Remember training and follow thoroughly.	Training scenario.	
Search & Seizure	Yes	Officers responded to a shooting at a club. Officer took a suspect into custody but did not do a good search. Hours later, officers working a prisoner transport vehicle were called to do the transport to HQ. An officer in the prisoner transport vehicle who did a secondary search prior to transporting the suspect found a gun on the suspect.	Chaotic scene with several people running out of the club. Officer did not complete a thorough search of the suspect.	Always do a thorough search/pat down of suspects prior to placing in a cruiser. Always do a secondary search/pat down when transferring a suspect from one officer to another.	Better training to ensure officers don't get complacent. Remember to slow down when doing pat downs/searches on suspects. Reinforce the importance of doing secondary searches when taking custody of a prisoner from another officer.	Mobile Academy: Subject Control
Subject Control	Yes	Officer assisted the fire department with a drunk male. Officer detained male in handcuffs and released control momentarily. Subject lost balance and fell, causing a minor injury.	Inattentive and substandard prisoner control.	Pay attention, especially when individuals are intoxicated and pose a fall risk to themselves. Control them appropriately.	Discuss at future roll calls.	Mobile Academy: Subject Control



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Subject Control	Yes	Officers were dealing with an intoxicated victim who had been assaulted. Victim was irate and belligerent, but not toward police. Once suspect was handcuffed, victim ran over and assaulted the suspect.	Complacency. Did not handcuff victim, because he was a victim, even though he was irate and threatening.	It may be necessary to handcuff an angry individual who poses a risk of harm to someone else, even if they are a victim.	Discuss at future roll calls.	*Lifeline Training: Warrior's Edge
Subject Control	Yes	Officers stopped a vehicle after observing a narcotics transaction. The driver was uncooperative and both officers interacted with driver. The passenger exited vehicle and took off running.	All attention given to the driver.	Even though the driver was uncooperative, more attention could/should have been given to all occupants.	Discuss at future roll calls.	*Basic Vehicle Stops Tactics
Subject Control	Yes	Officers responded to a domestic dispute. Angry female assaulted other party in officers' presence.	Routine call, officers didn't think an assault would take place in their presence.	Officers knew the female was angry and should have controlled her immediately.	Discuss at future roll calls.	
Subject Control	Yes	Officers interacted with non compliant female passenger out of traffic stop. Female became combative and scratched officer's face.	Hesitation (lack of experience maybe) and complacency.	Officer could've controlled suspect better upon her initial resistance whether had a better grip or disengaged and transitioned to Taser.	Discuss at future roll calls.	*Lifeline Training: Warrior's Edge
Subject Control	Yes	Officer was assigned to guard a prisoner at a hospital. The prisoner was not handcuffed or leg shackled to the bed.	Previous officers did not ensure the prisoner was properly secured.	Put cuffs or leg irons on the prisoner.		Mobile Academy: Subject Control



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Subject Control	Yes	Officer had to do an arm bar take down with his weapon in his hand.	Suspect dove into his car to and started reaching into his center console.	Call for back up. Attempt to holster weapon before going hands on.	Think about options for prisoner control with one's weapon out.	Mobile Academy: Subject Control
Subject Control	Yes	An officer pursued a suspect on foot with the officer's weapon displayed. The officer caught the suspect and used force with the non-weapon hand, while the weapon was still displayed.	Officer failed to holster the weapon prior to using force on suspect.	Holster weapon prior to making contact with the suspect. The officer should not holster the weapon, however, if the suspect still poses a threat of serious physical harm to the officer or others. Wait for back-up prior to holstering if threat or need exists.		*Foot Pursuits; Mobile Academy: Subject Control
Subject Control	Yes	Officer was dealing with an intoxicated and belligerent male. The suspect was very confrontational and threatening. The suspect quickly approached officer in a threatening manner so the officer maced the suspect. The suspect was so close that the officer got the full effects of the mace and was incapacitated.	Officer allowed the suspect to get too close before deciding to deploy mace.	Deploy mace from a safe distance and have proper positioning.	Discuss at future roll calls.	Mobile Academy: Subject Control



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Subject Control	Yes	Officer observed a fight. Officer ran up shouting loud commands to stop which were ignored. Officer was by himself and sprayed his mace while still running. Officer ran into the mist of the mace and was affected by it.	Officer was excited and should have waited until he was closer to the group fighting until he sprayed mace. The officer should have also not been running into the path/mist of the mace.	Get into a good position before deploying mace.	Discuss at future roll calls.	
Subject Control	Yes	A handcuffed prisoner escaped while the officer was adjusting handcuffs	Prisoner control.	Have a second officer to hold the prisoner or keep the prisoner in the back seat to adjust cuffs.		Mobile Academy: Subject Control
Subject Control	Yes	Prisoner gained opportunity to assault an officer in rear of wagon while seatbelting suspect.	Being in a confined space with suspect.	Make suspect face away. Use two officers while handling a prisoner. One officer to watch offender's actions. Use hobble to secure legs if violent.		



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Subject Control	Yes	Officers in wagon not observing prisoner. Prisoner got handcuffs in front of body and attacked officer.	Did not watch prisoner full time.	Sit in wagon with prisoner.	Stress at training academy.	Lifeline Training: Warrior's Edge