

Law Enforcement Awards



Distinguished Law Enforcement Training Award

Patrolman Kevin R. Davis Akron Police Department

For more than 25 years, Patrolman Kevin R. Davis has been providing instruction to law enforcement officers in Ohio and beyond through classes, columns, and conferences. His specialty is in use of force, subject control, and firearms.

Davis has provided training in basic academies for the city of Akron, University of Akron, and Kent State University. As a former adjunct instructor for the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) in Richfield, Davis taught many subjects including use-of-force investigations, officer survival, and tactical team training. He has taught instructor-level classes at conferences put on by the International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers Association (ILEETA) and served as an expert on its panel on the use of deadly force. He trained the Akron Police Department SWAT Team, University of Akron Special Reaction Team, and members of the Ohio Tactical Officers Association.

Davis has written several books and many articles on training for magazines and websites. His *Use of Force Investigations: A Manual for Law Enforcement* was required reading in the use-of-force instructors program at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center.

He is known as an expert on police use of force and has been called to consult on cases in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Florida, Washington, D.C., and in Canada.

Davis has previously been honored by the Akron Police SWAT Team and was an Akron Officer of the Year nominee.