



Public Safety

Location: COS, Visalia

Chairman:

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CHECK IN STARTS: 9:00 am **CONTEST BEGINS:** 9:15 am

ELIGIBILITY:

Group event (6 members) 4 patrol officers and 2 suspects. Limited to 10 groups/60 total competitors.

SCOPE OF CONTEST:

Peace officers must recognize situations involving high levels of risk in order to apply appropriate tactical actions during a vehicle stop. The objective of the exercise is to test the effectiveness of the team as they conduct a high-risk vehicle traffic stop.

EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS:

To be supplied by the Chairperson:

- Vehicles

To be supplied by the contestants:

- Unity Belt & Gear

RULES AND PROCEDURES:

- Contestants will have **15 minutes** to conduct the vehicle stop, secure and search the suspects, and complete all required actions.
- The 2 two person units will be expected to:
 - Demonstrate officer safety measures during a high-risk vehicle pullover.
 - Use appropriate actions for cover officers who are called to assist during the stop.
 - Provide clear and authoritative commands for suspects to exit the vehicle.
 - Execute safe and effective tactics for the stop.
 - Maintain officer safety awareness when searching the target vehicle.
 - Perform proper techniques for securing, cuffing, and searching suspects (including checking for tightness and double locking cuffs).
 - Demonstrate the correct procedure for securing a suspect in the back seat of a patrol vehicle, including applying a seat belt to ensure safety.

Detailed Steps for Suspect Securing

After the suspect is handcuffed and searched, contestants must:

- Open the back door of the patrol vehicle while maintaining control of the suspect.
- Verbally instruct the suspect to lower themselves into the vehicle seat.
- Secure the suspect's seat belt to ensure compliance with safety protocols.



JUDGING CRITERIA

- Teamwork and Coordination: Evaluation of how well the team works together, distributes tasks, and supports each other.
- Communication: Assessment of both internal communication between team members and external communication with the suspect(s).
- Use of Cover and Concealment: Rate the strategic use of available cover and concealment throughout the stop.
- Command Presence and Direction: Judge the clarity, authority, and effectiveness of commands given to suspects.
- Suspect Approach and Control: Consider how well the team approaches the suspect(s) and maintains control throughout the process.
- Vehicle Search Techniques: Evaluate thoroughness, safety, and methodical clearing of the vehicle.
- Securing and Seat Belt Application: Check if the suspect is safely secured in the back seat, with a seat belt properly applied and the door locked.

DRESS CODE:

1. Team members need to be properly attired
2. Clothes must fit the body, no saggy and/or baggy clothes
3. Students must wear closed-toe shoes
4. Students with long hair must keep hair in a ponytail or under a cap.

TIME:

Roll will be taken at 9:00 a.m.

TIE BREAKER:

In case of a tie, the team who completed the traffic stop in the least amount of time will win.