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OFF-SITE SAFETY

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AGENDA

- Introduction
- Definitions (Penal code sections etc.)
- Awareness vs Paranoia
- Fight or Flight
- Pre-Assault Indicators
- De-Escalation
- Pre-Visit Reconnaissance
- Final Tips, Takeaways and Questions

DISCLAIMER

*THIS PRESENTATION IS DERIVED FROM A LAW ENFORCEMENT
BACKGROUND.*

*PLEASE REFER TO YOUR EMPLOYERS' POLICIES AND
PROCEDURES REGARDING ANY CONFLICTING INFORMATION OR
DISCREPANCIES*

DEFENITIONS

WHAT IS A COURT APPOINTED
INVESTIGATOR?

WHAT PENAL CODE SECTIONS
APPLY?

WHAT IS A COURT APPOINTED INVESTIGATOR

(1) A "COURT INVESTIGATOR" IS A PERSON DESCRIBED IN PROBATE CODE SECTION 1454(A) EMPLOYED BY OR UNDER CONTRACT WITH A COURT TO PROVIDE THE INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES FOR THE COURT REQUIRED OR AUTHORIZED BY LAW IN GUARDIANSHIPS, CONSERVATORSHIPS, AND OTHER PROTECTIVE PROCEEDINGS UNDER DIVISION 4 OF THE PROBATE CODE;

PENAL CODE SECTIONS

240 PC ASSAULT

242 PC BATTERY

240 PC- ASSAULT IS AN UNLAWFUL ATTEMPT, COUPLED WITH A PRESENT ABILITY, TO COMMIT A VIOLENT INJURY ON THE PERSON OF ANOTHER.

242 PC- ANY WILLFUL AND UNLAWFUL USE OF FORCE OR VIOLENCE UPON THE PERSON OF ANOTHER.

THE ASSAULT IS THE ATTEMPT, THE BATTERY IS THE ACT

EXAMPLE: DURING AN INTERVIEW, THE SUBJECT BECOMES AGITATED AND ATTEMPTS TO STRIKE YOU BUT MISSES= ASSAULT

SAME SCENARIO, BUT ACTUALLY HITS YOU= BATTERY

THESE ARE MISDEMEANORS WHICH MEANS UNLESS A PEACE OFFICER WITNESSES THE ASSAULT/ BATTERY , YOU WILL HAVE TO PLACE THE PERSON UNDER "CITIZENS ARREST". (SHOW UP TO COURT TO TESTIFY ETC.)

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Paranoia is just a kind of awareness, and awareness is just a form of love.



Charles Manson

*AWARENESS
VS
PARANOIA*

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE PARANOID

PARANOIA IS A HEIGHTENED STATE OF AWARENESS

WHEN DOES IT BECOME A NEGATIVE ?

WHEN IT INTERFERES WITH YOU DAILY LIFE OR JOB AT HAND

EXAMPLE: CONSTANTLY LOOKING OVER YOUR SHOULDER WAITING FOR SOMETHING BAD TO HAPPEN

VIOLENT ACTS CAN HAPPEN AT ANYTIME/ ANYWHERE

***HOW CAN YOU PREPARE WITHOUT BEING AFRAID OR PARANOID?
ANSWER: THROUGH SITUATIONAL AWARENESS AND PREPARATION***

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE AWARE

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

**SITUATIONAL AWARENESS IS BEING AWARE OF ONE'S SURROUNDINGS
AND ANY POTENTIAL HAZARDS OR THREATS.**

**A PERSON WHO PRACTICES SITUATIONAL AWARENESS RECOGNIZES
THE POSSIBILITY OF BEING ATTACKED, HARMED, OR PUT IN A
DANGEROUS SITUATION AND IS PREPARED TO ACT TO PROTECT
THEMSELVES.**

COOPER'S CODE OF SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

Col. Jeff Cooper developed his Color Code of Situational Awareness for individuals whose careers depend on constant vigilance. The world has changed, and many feel that everyone must remain aware and ready to defend themselves.

COOPER'S COLOR CODE

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WHITE

Unprepared and unready to take action.

YELLOW

Prepared, alert, and relaxed. Good situational awareness.

ORANGE

Alert to probable danger. Ready to take action.

RED

Action mode. Focused on the emergency at hand.

BLACK

Panic. Breakdown of physical and mental performance.

WHAT IS SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

SIMPLY KNOWING WHAT IS GOING ON AROUND YOU

ANTICIPATE SOMETHING HAPPENING AND TAKING ACTION, IDEALLY BEFORE IT HAPPENS

NOT SOMETHING THAT COMES NATURALLY FOR MOST

PERISHABLE SKILL

CONTINUED PRACTICE

WAYS TO IMPLEMENT SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

LOOK AROUND REGULARLY AND CHECK YOUR SURROUNDINGS

-NOTICE PEOPLE AND OBJECTS

-WHEN YOUR INTENTIONAL YOUR SENSES ARE HEIGHTENED

WALK WITH PURPOSE AND CONFIDENCE

-LOOK ASSERTIVE

-DON'T APPEAR AS EASY PREY

LIMIT DISTRACTIONS

-NO HEADPHONES

-PUT PHONE AWAY

IDENTIFY EXIT / ENTRY POINTS

PRACTICE PREDICTION

-HAVE A PLAN (LIMITS REACTION TIME)

-IF VS WHEN

-WHEN X HAPPENS, I WILL...

TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS

-DON'T SECOND GUESS

-BETTER TO BE SAFE THAN SORRY

CONSTANT PRACTICE MAKES HABIT

IF / THEN VS WHEN / THEN

“IF” LEAVES THE POSSIBILITY OF AN INCIDENT NOT OCCURRING THEREFORE CREATING LAG TIME

“WHEN” LEAVES THE THOUGHT OF ABSOLUTE AND PREPARES THE MIND / BODY THUS DECREASING LAG TIME

“THEN” LESSENS LAG TIME FURTHER BY NOT HAVING TO MAKE A DECISION AND REACTING WITHOUT THOUGHT

THIS PROCESS IS EQUIVALENT TO ACTUALLY EXPERIENCING THE EVENT TO SOME DEGREE. THE BRAIN DOES NOT DISTINGUISH BETWEEN A PHYSICAL “REP” AND A “MENTAL REP”



FIGHT OR FLIGHT

WHAT IS IT AND
HOW DOES IT HELP
US

WHY IS FIGHT OR FLIGHT USEFUL

PLAYS A CRITICAL ROLE IN SURVIVAL

PREPARES THE BODY TO FIGHT, OR TAKE ACTION TO ELIMINATE THE DANGER

PREPARES THE BODY TO FLEE AND ESCAPE THE DANGER

NEW ELEMENT FIGHT, FLIGHT OR FREEZE OR FAWN

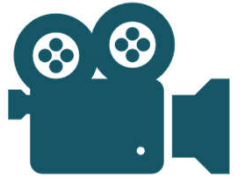
FREEZE IS YOUR BODY'S INABILITY TO MOVE OR ACT AGAINST A THREAT

FAWN IS YOUR BODY'S STRESS RESPONSE TO TRY AND PLEASE SOMEONE TO AVOID CONFLICT

DEFINITION

THE FIGHT OR FLIGHT RESPONSE IS AN AUTOMATIC PHYSIOLOGICAL REACTION TO AN EVENT THAT IS PERCEIVED AS STRESSFUL OR FRIGHTENING. THE PERCEPTION OF THREAT ACTIVATES THE SYMPATHETIC NERVOUS SYSTEM AND TRIGGERS AN ACUTE STRESS RESPONSE THAT PREPARES THE BODY TO FIGHT OR FLEE.





WHAT HAPPENS DURING FIGHT OR FLIGHT

Fight or Flight is involuntary and involves a number of physiological changes

Understanding these changes can help you perform under pressure

It can also help you recognize an unwarranted response to avoid fight or flight.

It can also help you recover from a response to a traumatic incident

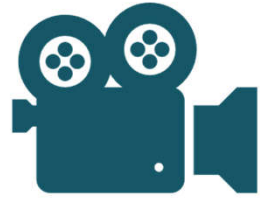
WHAT HAPPENS DURING FIGHT OR FLIGHT

***YOUR BODY IS TRYING TO PRIORITIZE BODILY FUNCTIONS IT NEEDS FOR SURVIVAL
EVERYTHING IT DOESN'T NEED IS PUT ON THE BACK BURNER***

- Massive adrenaline dump
- Heart rate and blood pressure increase
- Pale or flushed skin or goosebumps
- Blunt pain response is compromised
- Dilated pupils
- Perceived time slows down
- Tunnel vision
- Memory affected
- Bladder/ bowels affected
- Loss of hearing
- Fine motor skills diminished
- Sense of non-reality



*PRE-ASSAULT
INDICATORS*



WHAT ARE PRE ASSAULT INDICATORS

NONVERBAL SIGNALS COMMUNICATED BY PERPETRATORS THAT SIGNAL NEFARIOUS INTENT

UNCONSCIOUS ACTS THAT MANIFEST THEMSELVES IN BODY LANGUAGE

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**THE CONCEPT OF IDENTIFYING AND ARTICULATING SPECIFIC INDICATORS
OF THREAT PRIOR TO AN ASSAULT.**

MMOTOR ACTIVITY

ATTITUDE PATTERN

POSTURE SIGNALS

SPEECH PATTERNS

MOTOR ACTIVITY

- Pacing
- Restlessness
- Clenching Teeth
- Clenching fists
- Jumpy
- Rapid/ uneasy breathing
- Inappropriate sweating
- Searching/ shifty eyes
- Striking objects
- Target seeking
- Looking for escape routes
- Repetitive body movements
- Physical signs of avoidance
- Physical retreat
- Walking away
- Leaning away
- Bladed stance
- *** Touch head or face

ATTITUDE PATTERN

- Disorientation
- Extreme euphoria
- Extreme distrust
- Controlled anger
- Raging
- Rapid mood swings
- Sadness/ hopelessness

POSTURE SIGNALS

- Excessive eye contact
- Staring or studying
- “mad-dogging”
- Gripping an object intently
- Distorted facial features
- Grimace
- Blank expression
- 1,000-yard stare

SPEECH PATTERNS

- Angry/ loud/ forceful
(sometimes people just want to vent)
- Overly defensive
- Answers questions with questions
- Long pause before answering
- Breaks in sentences
- Talks of past violence
- Accusations of persecution
- Ominous threats
- Direct challenges
- Fear of losing control
- Statements of something “not happening”
- Statements of revenge

HOW TO RESPOND TO PRE-ASSAULT INDICATORS

- **Don't dismiss**
- **Single observation in and of itself is not necessarily an indicator, but should not be ignored**
- **Multiple signs could signify an imminent attack**
- **Fight or flight?**
- **Be assertive if appropriate**
- **Re-position yourself**
- **Consider removing yourself from the situation**



DE-ESCALATION



DE-ESCALATAION DEFINED

De-Escalation The use of communication or other techniques during an encounter to stabilize, slow, or reduce the intensity of a potentially violent situation without using physical force, or with a reduction in force.

– Department of Homeland Security Policy
Statement 044-05

WHAT IS DE-ESCALATION

DE-ESCALATION IS A METHOD TO PREVENT POTENTIAL VIOLENCE

YOUR SAFETY IS PARAMOUNT AND THE HIGHEST PRIORITY

KNOW YOUR LIMITS

WHEN IN DOUBT REMOVE YOURSELF FROM THE SITUATION

PURPOSEFUL ACTIONS

REMAIN CALM: A PURPOSEFUL DEMONSTRATION OF CALMNESS AND COMPOSURE CAN ENABLE DE-ESCALATION

CHANGE THE SETTING: IF POSSIBLE, REMOVE PEOPLE FROM THE AREA. THIS COULD INVOLVE PARTIES AND OBSERVERS

RESPECT PERSONAL SPACE: MAINTAIN A SAFE DISTANCE AND AVOID TOUCHING THE OTHER PERSON

LISTEN: GIVE YOUR FULL ATTENTION. NOD, ASK QUESTIONS AND AVOID INTERRUPTING OR CHANGING THE SUBJECT

EMPATHIZE: PRESENT GENUINE CONCERN AND A WILLINGNESS TO UNDERSTAND

VERBAL COMMUNICATION

TONE + VOLUME + RATE OF SPEECH + INFLECTION OF VOICE = VERBAL DE-ESCALATION

TONE: SPEAK CALMLY TO DEMONSTRATE EMPATHY

VOLUME: MONITOR YOUR VOLUME AND AVOID RAISING YOUR VOICE

RATE OF SPEECH: A SLOWER RATE OF SPEECH CAN BE CALMING

(TOO SLOW CAN BE DEMEANING)

INSTEAD OF “CALM DOWN”..... “I CAN SEE YOUR UPSET...”

INSTEAD OF “I CAN'T HELP YOU”..... “I WANT TO HELP, WHAT CAN I DO?...”

INSTEAD OF “I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL”..... “I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU FEEL...”

BODY LANGUAGE

INSTEAD OF STANDING RIGIDLY IN FRONT OF THE PERSON:

TRY... KEEPING RELAXED AND ALERT WHILE STANDING A BIT OFF TO THE SIDE OF THE PERSON

INSTEAD OF GESTURING WITH YOUR HANDS OR POINTING:

TRY....KEEPING YOUR HANDS DOWN, OPEN AND VISIBLE AT ALL TIMES

INSTEAD OF GESTURING OR PACING:

TRY.... USING SLOW DELIBERATE MOVEMENTS

INSTEAD OF FAKING A SMILE:

TRY.... MAINTAINING A NEUTRAL AND ATTENTIVE FACIAL EXPRESSION

3 WAYS TO DE-ESCALATE

-VALIDATE

ACKNOWLEDGE HOW THAT PERSON IS FEELING SOMETIMES PEOPLE JUST WANT TO FEEL HEARD

-GIVE OPTIONS / CONSEQUENCES

“ YOU COULD DO X, BUT IF YOU DO X THEN Y. HOW ABOUT Z? IF YOU DO Z, THEN.....”

-ALLOW FOR CHOICE

LET THE PERSON KNOW THAT NO MATTER THEIR CHOICE YOU ARE OK WITH IT



*PLAN
YOUR
VISIT*

Resources

What resources are available to you prior to an off-site visit?

Case file

Personal knowledge

Co-worker knowledge

CLETS

Local law enforcement

Mapping applications

Pre-visit drive by

CASE FILE

*WHAT TYPE OF INFORMATION IS CONTAINED IN THE CASE FILE
THAT COULD BE BENEFICIAL REGARDING YOUR SAFETY DURING A VISIT?*

PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE

*WHAT TYPE OF PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF A CASE COULD
BE BENEFICIAL REGARDING YOUR SAFETY OR SAFETY OF ANOTHER
INVESTIGATOR PRIOR TO A VISIT?*

CLETS

WHAT IS IT AND WHAT INFO CAN IT PROVIDE

CALIFORNIA LAW ENFORCEMENT TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (CLETS)

CLETS IS A STATEWIDE COMPUTER NETWORK SYSTEM THAT ALLOWS LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCIES TO ACCESS, EXCHANGE, AND SHARE CRUCIAL INFORMATION ABOUT INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.

- CRIMINAL HISTORIES,***
- DRIVER'S LICENSE DATA,***
- VEHICLE REGISTRATION INFORMATION,***
- RESTRAINING ORDERS, AND***
- MISSING PERSONS REPORTS.***

NCIC

NATIONAL CRIME INFORMATION CENTER (NCIC):

MANAGED BY THE FBI, THE NCIC DATABASE INCLUDES NATIONWIDE DATA ON STOLEN PROPERTY, MISSING PERSONS, WANTED PERSONS, AND PROTECTIVE ORDER RECORDS, AMONG OTHERS.

CJIS

WHAT IS IT AND WHAT INFO CAN IT PROVIDE

CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SERVICES (CJIS)

CJIS IS A NATIONAL NETWORK OF DATABASES THAT INCLUDES CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS, FINGERPRINTS, AND BIOMETRIC DATA.

NLETS

WHAT IS IT AND WHAT INFO CAN IT PROVIDE

International Justice and Public Safety Network (Nlets):

Formerly known as the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System, this not-for-profit network allows local, state, and federal criminal justice agencies to exchange records and data with other agencies in the United States and internationally.

DMV

WHAT IS IT AND WHAT INFO CAN IT PROVIDE

California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV):

The DMV provides vehicle registration, driver's license information, and accident reports to CLETS authorized users.

CORI

WHAT IS IT AND WHAT INFO CAN IT PROVIDE

Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI)

**arrest records,
criminal charges,
pretrial proceedings,
sentencing,
incarceration,
parole and probation information,
rehabilitation programs.
social security information,
date of birth.**

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

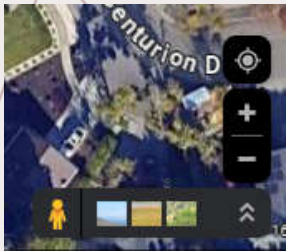
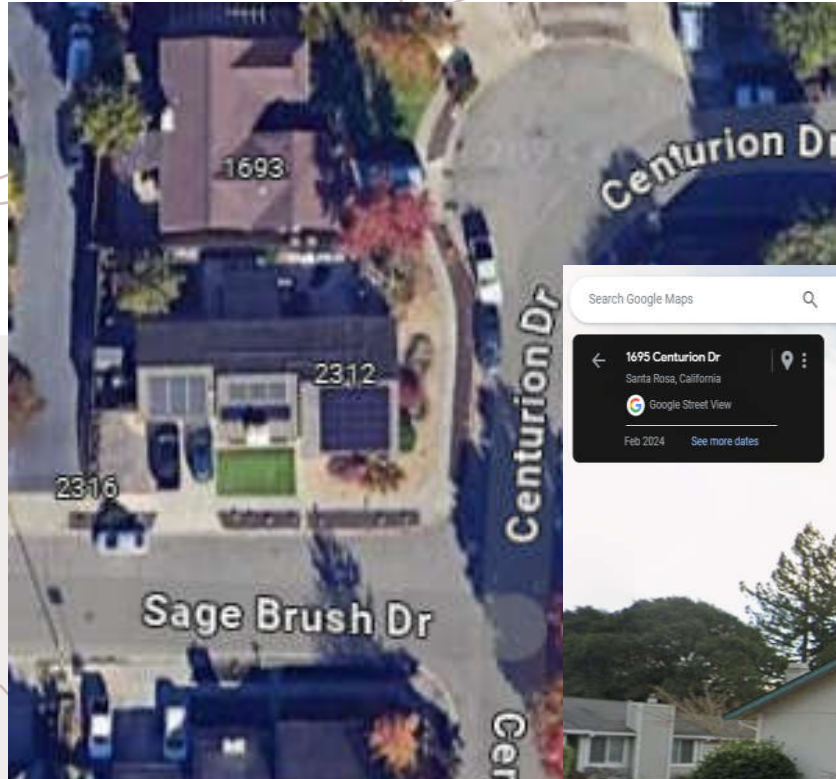
- CALLS FOR SERVICE*
- LOCAL RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS*
- NEIGHBORHOOD CALLS FOR SERVICE*

An aerial photograph of a residential neighborhood. The image is overlaid with white text and labels. At the top, 'Guerneville Rd' is repeated several times. In the center, 'Peterson Ln' and 'Sage Brush Dr' are labeled. On the right, 'Centurion Dr' is labeled. Numerous house numbers are scattered throughout the image, including 1449, 1460, 1695, 1697, 1699, 1693, 1692, 1698, 1690, 2328, 2324, 2320, 2312, 2316, 2311, 2315, 2319, 2327, 2398, 1445, 1441, and 2331. A location pin labeled 'Nene Fitt' is visible in the lower-left quadrant. The text 'GOOGLE MAPS' is at the top, 'WHAT TYPE OF INFO' is in the middle, and 'CAN YOU GET?' is at the bottom of the central text block.

GOOGLE MAPS
WHAT TYPE OF INFO
CAN YOU GET?

MAPPING SYSTEMS

GOOGLE MAPS



FOOD FOR THOUGHT DURING A VISIT/ INTERVIEW

- ALWAYS LET SOMEONE KNOW WHERE YOU ARE AND WHEN YOU EXPECT TO RETURN***
- YOU CHOOSE THE LOCATION FOR INTERVIEW***
- LOOK FOR ESCAPE ROUTES***
- BE AWARE OF INTRINSIC WEAPONS***
- PUT YOURSELF IN A POSITION OF ADVANTAGE / AVENUE OF ESCAPE***



*SAFETY IN THE
WORKPLACE
&
PRIVATE LIFE*

SAFETY IN THE WORKPLACE & PRIVATE LIFE

- BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS (COURTHOUSE/PARKING LOT/ TO AND FROM WORK)*
- TAKE A SECOND AS YOU PULL INTO A PARKING LOT EXIT A BUILDING*
- NOTICE THINGS AND DON'T DISMISS*
- TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS AND DON'T DISMISS*
- BE AWARE COMING TO AND FROM WORK*
- IF IN DOUBT CALL FOR HELP*
- BETTER TO BE SAFE THAN SORRY*
- TIME AND PLACE FOR YOUR PHONE. ITS NOT WHEN GETTING INTO OR EXITING YOUR VEHICLE*
- EARPHONES*

RYAN'S RULES THAT MAKE TEENAGERS SO "WHATEVER"

**** ARMORED CAR RULE*

**** LEAVE SPACE AT A STOP LIGHT RULE*

**** THE 7-11 RULE*

DON'T BE A VICTIM!!!



*FINAL
THOUGHTS &
TAKEAWAYS*



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