

# Officer Survival Lessons

This presentation is a firsthand account of a violent attack on a police officer presented by Lieutenant Brian Murphy. Lieutenant Murphy shares his story, his mind-set, and the lessons he learned from surviving a deadly encounter with an armed suspect.

## Course Takeaways

- Train like your life depends on it—it does.
- A life-or-death encounter is not the first place you should have experienced pain. Experience and train pain tolerance, and work on your limitations.
- There is no excuse worthy of telling your next of kin why you did not wear your vest. Wear it!
- When preparing yourself, practice—not until you get it right; practice until you do not get it wrong.
- Never, ever give up.



Presented by

## Brian Murphy

Mr. Brian Murphy retired as a lieutenant in 2013 after serving with the Oak Creek, Wisconsin, Police Department (OCPD) for 22 years. Mr. Murphy served as part of the OCPD Emergency Response Unit from 1992 until 2009. In this capacity, he served as a team leader, an entry team member, and an explosives breacher. He served with additional agencies throughout his law enforcement career, including the Jefferson, County, Wisconsin, Sheriff's Department; the United Nations Security Service; and the U.S. Marine Corps. He was honored with the Congressional Badge of Bravery and the Wisconsin Professional Police Association Award for Valor, among other awards, for his actions in response to the shooting at the Sikh Temple of Wisconsin. Mr. Murphy's personal story of survival profoundly illustrates his message to law enforcement to never give up. Mr. Murphy holds a master of science degree in organizational leadership and a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice from Marian University.

