

CONSTITUTIONAL POLICING: FEDERAL AND STATE STANDARDS INSTRUCTED BY ZACH MILLER

\$299 per student



It is amazing how many police officers have no idea what the law actually says. The higher courts of our states and country have ruled on what proper police procedure is in many circumstances. We have recognized this issue as one of the top major problems for today's law enforcement officers. Instead of just ignoring or pretending it's not a major concern, we are addressing it.

A highly-respected police legal instructor and a police officer since 2004, Zach Miller specializes in federal and state constitutional law. Students in any of Zach's classes quickly discover that they are not there just to have the instructor recite a vast array of caselaw. Instead, he engages the students in meaningful discussion about the law of policing in order to facilitate true learning. Students actually learn constitutional rules and principles and how to apply them to real-world fact patterns. Zach personally researches and develops all of the content for each course that he teaches. Officers of all ranks, assignments and levels of experience will benefit greatly from the entire course. Topics of this two-day, interactive course include:

- Issues related to vehicle stops, including controlling occupants and expanding the investigative focus
- Vehicle searches
- The levels of officer-citizen contacts and their impact on police authority
- The plain view doctrine of warrantless seizure
- Searches of private premises
- Interrogation law matters, including when the Miranda warning is required, police response to invocations of the rights to silence and counsel, and the distinction between the Fifth and Sixth Amendment rights to counsel
- State law limitations on Fourth Amendment search and seizure authority, where applicable

Without a solid understanding of the scope of police legal authority, police officers will find themselves unknowingly exceeding the scope of legal authority that can lead to civil and criminal liability. Lack of knowledge will also result in the suppression of critical evidence, and the loss of public trust and confidence. But failing to utilize the full breadth of police authority can often inhibit effective investigation.

Since 2009, Zach has worked very closely with nationally-recognized police law attorney Randy Means. Together, they have contracted with agencies nationwide on a vast array of projects requiring legal expertise and specialization. For example, they worked with several law enforcement agencies, including two of the largest sheriff's departments in the country, that were subject to federal intervention due to their unconstitutional practices. There, they developed training programs and policies to address the federal government's justifiable concerns. Other projects have included use of force incident review, high-liability policy development and leadership training. Zach and Attorney Means have also co-authored numerous articles about constitutional policing for Law and Order magazine.

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