

Taking AIM



Zero Officers Killed or Injured



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- **Taking AIM:**
 - Awareness
 - Image
 - Mindset



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- **Case Study**

Articulate Robber

An 18 year old suspect was fleeing the scene of an armed robbery when he was stopped by the victim officer. The officer casually confronted the subject without drawing his firearm. The suspect shot and killed the officer.



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- **Case Study**

Voice of God

A drug dealer set out to kill a police officer because they were ruining his business. He passed on his first potential victim because of his perceptions of the officers ability. He waited until another, perceived weaker, officer arrived. He walked up, punched him in the face, took his service weapon and shot him 6 times mortally wounding him.



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- **Case Study**

Dope Boys Case

The suspect wanted to “send a message to the cops” in his city by killing one. He approached several officers working a parade route at a community celebration. The suspect passed on the first officer because of his initial perceptions of him and his abilities. He then located the victim officer, walked up and attempted to shoot him from point blank range in the head. The officer was able to react and push the gun to the side saving his life.



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- **Case Study**

Traffic Stop

The officer observed a vehicle with a headlight out and initiated a traffic stop. The vehicle was not driving erratic, not suspicious and the officer noticed a soccer league sticker on the bumper. The officer assumed he was dealing with a local family man and therefore failed to mark out on the radio or run the vehicle's license plate. When the officer approached, he was shot in the chest.



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- **How to Avoid the Perceptual Shorthand**
 - Mental Mind Set
 - Recognition of inaccurate perceptions and how to combat them
 - Training
 - Effective, realistic, scenario based training



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- **Supervisor Responsibilities**
 - Monitor officer performance
 - Observe officer appearance
 - Observe officer demeanor