

# VALOR

## CHARACTERISTICS OF WEAPON CONCEALMENT

Columbus, Ohio • August 22, 2019

### About the Training

In this course, officers will examine common behaviors, movements, and visual cues that may indicate the presence of a weapon and the importance of identifying and defusing dangerous situations using real cases. Officers will learn about professional and constitutional policing considerations that address community concerns, including further emphasis on articulation and how to enhance the safety of both officers and the people they serve, as well as successful criminal prosecution.

### Upcoming Event

You have the opportunity to attend the training on the date listed below.

**August 22**

**Check-In  
Training**

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### Registration

VALOR training is available at no cost to all currently sworn law enforcement officers. To register, please contact either Terry Bannigan, training specialist, via email at [tbannigan@maglocen.riss.net](mailto:tbannigan@maglocen.riss.net) or Karen Coluzzi, training assistant, via email at [kcoluzzi@maglocen.riss.net](mailto:kcoluzzi@maglocen.riss.net).

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## About the VALOR Program

Provided by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), the VALOR Program is committed to promoting officer safety and to helping prevent injuries and deaths of law enforcement officers and the people they serve. For more information on the BJA VALOR Program, visit [www.valorforblue.org](http://www.valorforblue.org).

## Instructor—Mr. Richard Hobson



Mr. Richard A. Hobson retired from the Metropolitan Police Department in Washington, DC, after 25 years of service and then founded Hobson and Associates. During his tenure with the Metropolitan Police Department, he commanded the daily activities of a nationally recognized anti-gun-violence task force, Operation Ceasefire, which is credited as one of the first and most successful task forces of its type to

specifically target gun-related violence through street-level firearms interdiction and investigation. Mr. Hobson earned a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice from the University of Maryland and completed studies at the American University School of Justice, Institute on Juvenile Justice, in England and America, and Imperial College London in England.

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## Questions

For questions regarding course content, call the Institute for Intergovernmental Research (IIR) at (800) 446-0912, extension 361 (8:30 a.m. through 5:00 p.m., ET).

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