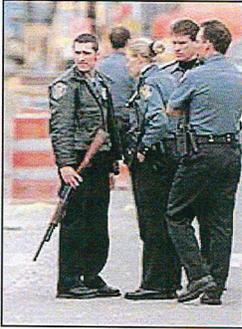


# Conducting Police Officer Involved Shooting Investigations

## Training Goals and Objectives



There is arguably no single event that can traumatize a police agency more than a police officer involved shooting incident. The criticism and intense scrutiny generated by the media, community activists, the general public, and the criminal justice system itself, can be enormous. Civil judgments resulting from such cases can debilitate a police organization for years, have an adverse effect on employee morale, and hamper agency effectiveness through the erosion of public opinion. It is, therefore, imperative that every police department prepare in earnest for this inevitable eventuality. It is also essential that the investigator charged with the task of leading a police officer involved shooting investigation become as equally prepared.

The purpose of this course is to provide attendees with a basic investigative model that is applicable to all officer involved shootings incidents, regardless of the size of their department. Police officer involved shootings are vastly different from any other type of investigation. The stakes for the shooting officer and his department are so high that it is imperative that the investigation be conducted in a prescribed manner. This course will provide those in attendance with the knowledge, skills and confidence necessary to handle any deadly force incident.



## Training Audience, Format and Content

This course is intended for those investigators who are specifically assigned to the **criminal investigation** of officer involved shootings and in-custody deaths. It is also appropriate for those detectives or uniform personnel who may be required to assist in these types of investigations. Crime scene technicians, medical examiner/coroner investigators, supervisors, military investigators, criminal analysts, and prosecuting attorneys would also benefit from the training.

The course is conducted in 2½ day sessions. Instruction is provided through the use of a PowerPoint presentation that makes liberal use of authentic crime scene photographs.

This insures that the topics discussed are portrayed as realistically as possible.

Numerous handouts and video tapes are used as instructional aids.

## Chief Russell Fischer

Chief Russell Fischer has been employed by the Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD) for 32 years. He joined the MDPD in 1975 and was promoted through all the civil service ranks



presently holding the rank of Division Chief. He has diverse experience in police management, investigations and operations to include command assignments in the Robbery Bureau, Northwest District and City of Miami Lakes as well as having served as the Police Captain of the Professional Compliance Bureau, Narcotics Bureau and Economic Crimes Bureau.

Since his appointment as Chief in 2004, Chief Fischer's responsibilities have included commanding employees assigned to Miami International Airport , Police Operations Bureau ( Port of Miami and Transit), Community Affairs Bureau, Warrants Bureau, Court Services Bureau and Special Patrol Bureau. Chief Fischer presently commands Criminal Investigations, responsible for all Departmental investigations that involve the Homicide (Officer Involved Shootings and In Custody deaths), Robbery, Sex Crimes and Domestic Crimes Bureaus. Chief Fischer until recently served as the Incident Commander for Super Bowl XLI and was the Department Hurricane Coordinator.

He holds a Master of Science Degree in Management and a Master of Public Administration Degree from the University of Miami . Chief Fischer is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy . He has authored articles for the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin (LEB) and Police Chief Magazine (IACP) and provided instruction in a variety of topical areas for the International Association of Chiefs of Police and instructed at the Metropolitan Police Institute in Miami and Miami-Dade College .

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**Time: 0800-1700 hours**

**Cost: \$195.**

**Location: Hugh Nichols Public Safety Bldg -**

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