



Response to Suicidal Subjects



**Hosted by: Bozeman (MT) Police Department
August 6, 2025**

Police Response to Suicidal Subjects is a eight-hour class that deals with one of the most challenging call types facing law enforcement today. These calls often appear to be no-win situations for officers and this class is designed to provide a structured, repeatable, and legally defensible manner in which to respond.

This class will address in detail foundational legal concepts like: Community Care, Emergency Aid, Exigent Circumstances, Special Relationships, Qualified Immunity, and our legal duty to care. We will also address the difference between state and federal law relating to use of force and liability.

Also addressed in detail will be foundational law enforcement concepts like: Tactical Decision Making, Safety Priorities, De-escalation, Opportunity, Officer induced Jeopardy, Failures, and Contact Team Philosophy. These concepts are integral to making decisions on how to handle these calls.

We will address questions like: should law enforcement respond, what does our response look like, what actions can be taken, can we walk away, what is our liability, what is the difference between state and federal law on suicidal subjects, what is our ability to use force, can/should a SWAT team be used during a suicidal call, and what is our duty to protect.

Students will work through different scenarios and the thought process used to handle each incident. Officers will come away with a better understanding of their legal duty, ability to walk away, liability concerns, ability to use force, and dealing with family and the public.

Presented by Rocky Mountain Blue Line Consulting, LLC

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NTOA Less Lethal Section Chair (2014-2024), Instructor (2005 to present)





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August 6, 2025, 0800 - 1700 hrs.**

**Location: 901 N. Rouse Ave. Bozeman, MT., 59715
Register by June 30, 2025 Cost 179.10/Student
After June 30, 2025 Cost: \$199/student**

Bozeman Contact: Sergeant Rick Musson, 406.582.2219
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To register:

Email David Pearson at davidpearson79@gmail.com, 970.566.2676

Payment:

Personal or agency check payable to: David Pearson
Venmo payment: @RMBLC
W-9 available on request

Checks can be mailed to: 6115 Summerfields Pkwy, Timnath, CO 80547

Free Spot:

Register five paying attendees from your agency and get one free spot.

NOTES:

The minimum class size is 25 paying students, and the maximum is 50. If the class has not reached the minimum size, a cancelation notice will be sent by July 25, 2025. If the class is canceled, refunds will be issued. Once signed up and paid, a replacement can be named if a student has a conflict, but no refund is issued.

Students should bring notetaking supplies.

Lunch is not provided. Breaks will be about every hour.