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Steve Ashley is an active law enforcement trainer, risk manager, consultant, and author. He frequently serves as an expert witness in both state and federal courts, most often regarding use-of-force, motor vehicle operations, police procedures, and corrections practices cases.

The son of a career police officer, Steve was privileged to serve for 15 years as a full-time, sworn, law enforcement officer, and 12 years as a full-time, credentialed, risk management professional, working with governmental insurance pools and municipalities to reduce law enforcement, corrections, and governmental risk. Prior to his retirement after 22 years, Steve was the Chief Driving Instructor, Chief Firearms Instructor, and Use of Force Coordinator, for a college-based Police Academy. He has been a criminal justice trainer for more than 45 years, and has trained thousands of officers, managers, trainers, instructor-trainers, and Master Instructors.

Steve has published more than 120 articles in both print and on-line publications and has frequently been an invited presenter at national and international conferences. Steve specializes in assisting officers and their agencies in reducing the risk of officer injuries and litigation arising from high-risk activity, such as use of force, motor vehicle use, corrections operations, and arrest procedures. He has extensive policy development experience and is an accomplished risk manager.

As a researcher, Steve's primary area of interest is the use of force and control by criminal justice professionals, with an emphasis on non-lethal control methods and implements. Increasingly, Steve's focus is on force science and human factors research.

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More recently, Steve served for several years as an *Adjunct Professor of Criminal Justice & Public Policy* at Concordia University, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he taught graduate and undergraduate students in various criminal justice, police, corrections, and risk management courses.

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