

David Bautista

David has over 30 years of law enforcement experience and is currently a Lieutenant with the San Diego Police Department. His previous assignments include years of experience in Patrol and the Department Training Division along with working specialized proactive patrol assignments. He also has over 13 years of SWAT experience as an operator, sniper, and team leader.

After his promotion to Lieutenant in 2017, David was assigned as the Watch Commander/Field Lieutenant where he was responsible for managing critical incidents citywide while also managing staffing and other Department resources.

David first found his passion for teaching when he assisted with the development and delivery of the first active shooter program for his Department after the Columbine High School incident. Over the past 20 years of providing instruction to law enforcement personnel and community members, David has built a reputation of being an engaging instructor who has a knack and a passion for sharing his experiences, knowledge, successes, and challenges to help others navigate our ever-changing profession. David's goal is to ensure current and future law enforcement professionals have their best opportunity to have a safe and successful career through meaningful training and guidance they can use now to benefit our communities.

“It is our responsibility to the profession we love and the professionals we've committed to develop. If we don't do it, who will? I am dedicated to providing relevant guidance to the future of law enforcement. Guidance meant to make sense of it all, understanding the “why”, and to prepared them to answer the tough questions and make the difficult decisions”.

David has expertise on a wide range of topics. He is a California POST certified instructor in Firearms, Arrest and Control, Force Option Simulator/Use of Force, ICS, and Implicit Bias and Racial Profiling. David is currently an instructor with the Savage Training Group (savagetraininggroup.com) and the Government Training Agency (govtraining.com) where he teaches Practical De-escalation and Tactical Conduct (Savage Training Group) and Principles Policing and Critical Incident Management in the California POST Management Course (Government Training Agency).

Because of his expertise, David has been called upon to provide analysis and feedback on proposed legislation that could affect the future of law enforcement.

David was a significant contributor to the California POST “De-Escalation and Crisis Management” course and countywide de-escalation protocols adopted by agencies in the San Diego region.

Since 2021, David has been a contributing writer for PORAC Magazine and American Police Beat Magazine providing his insight on the changing law enforcement environment and what we can do to keep pace. Follow the link below to read one of David's articles.

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