

Brief Autobiography
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He has participated in force-options instructor programs, and received instructor certifications in, force options including: firearms: handgun, shotgun, submachine guns, and specialty weapons; baton/impact force options (Monadnock® PR-24, Pneu-Gun Ballistic Baton, Tactical Baton, Tactical Glove); Psycho-Motor Skill Design Instructor (PSDI); Lateral Vascular Neck Restraint (LVNR®); chemical and inflammatory agents (Capsun II, oleoresin capsicum (OC), chloroacetophenone (CN), orthochlorobenzalmalonotrile (CS), Defensive Tactics Institute (DTI), Defense Technologies, Inc., Aerosol Subject Restraint, Mace Security International, PepperBall®, Sabre®); distractionary munitions (Special Purpose Low Lethality Anti-Terrorist Munitions (SPLLATM), distractionary devices); defensive tactics; spontaneous knife defense; handcuffing and restraint (DTI, RIPP® Restraints, BoloWrap®, WRAP®); and various electroshock weapons, including handheld stun guns and shields, TASER® Conducted Energy Weapons (CEWs), Stinger, stun weapons, the Generated Low Output Voltage Emitter (G.LO.V.E.), E-Bands, and others. Also trained and certified in multiple aspects of human performance, human factors, human limitations, and mental chorometry.

His experience includes having served as a faculty member for the Americans for Effective Law Enforcement (AELE), Law Enforcement Legal Center; Legal Advisor and an Advisory Board member of the International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers Association (ILEETA); and former Board member and Legal Advisor to the Institute for the Prevention of In-Custody Deaths (IPICD). Additionally, he has served on the National Advisory Boards of the Police Law Institute, the Jail Law Institute, and DTI; former member of the Executive Board of American Society for Law Enforcement Trainers/Training (ASLET); Executive Committee Member of the Legal Officers' Section (LOS) of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) [IACP Life Member and LOS member]; and as a consultant, author, and part owner to the Law Enforcement Legal Defense Manual. Also held memberships in other organizations including, but not limited to, International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training (IADLEST), American Jail Association (AJA)(Life Member), International Police Association (IPA)(Life Member), the International Association of Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors (IALEFI), National Tactical Officers Association (NTOA), National Sheriffs' Association (NSA)(Life Member), Police Executive Research Forum (PERF), and International, International Municipal Lawyers Association (IMLA), National, ALERT, and formerly the Law Enforcement Training Officers Association (LETOA) of Wisconsin. Also, a Senior Member, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society (EMBS).

Since the early 1980s, Mike has presented many law enforcement training programs or presentations, the majority of which were force and/or risk management related. These presentations were mostly in the U.S.; international programs included: Mexico, Canada, Panama, Austria, and the United Kingdom. These presentations and training programs have included National and International Law Enforcement and Risk Management Conferences, including: the IACP, IACP-LOS, ASLET, ILEETA, IPICD, IALEFI, AELE, IMLA, LETOA, Public Risk Management Association (PRIMA), State Risk and Insurance Management Association (STRIMA), and others. He has provided force training to numerous organizations and law enforcement agencies including the instructional staff at the U.S. Secret Service Academy. He is an IADLEST Nationally Certified Instructor (INCI), Charter INCI #000022. IADLEST International Certified Instructor (IICI). Train-the-Trainer ICAT (Integrating Communications Assessment and Tactics) Certified (PERF).

Mike has authored or co-authored published papers or articles in periodicals including the Police Chief, American City & County, Prosecutor, Police & Security News, Public Risk, ASLET Journal, Casino Enterprise Management, International Use of Force Journal, Law Enforcement Legal Defense Manual, IEEE Eng Med Biol Soc, International Journal of Case Reports and Images, Forensic Science, Medicine, and Pathology, Government Liability, For The Defense, Medicine, Science and the Law, International Journal of Legal Medicine, and others; and has presented several programs on the Law Enforcement Television Network (LETN); as well as several treatise chapters.

Mr. Brave is formerly the Chief of the Intelligence and Investigative Operations Unit, Office of Enforcement Operations (OEO), United States Department of Justice (DOJ), in Washington, D.C. In that position, he oversaw several highly sensitive law enforcement programs. He held the concurrent position of Deputy Director for International Operations of the Federal Witness Security Program where he coordinated the foreign aspects of the Program, including a portion of Plan Colombia, for the DOJ official who oversaw WitSec. Mr. Brave's other DOJ duties included: OEO Use-of-Force and Firearms Training Officer, Criminal Division Security Officer, and Division Watch Officer. He was a sworn Special Deputy United States Marshal, and his National Security Information security clearance, including courier credentials, was above Top Secret.