



Police Ethics Training

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In recent years, amidst an increase in public calls for police training in the areas such as implicit bias and cultural sensitivity, **something fundamental has been noticeably absent from much of the discourse surrounding police misconduct and the need for more training—police ethics.**

As we survey the most egregious cases of police misconduct and police negligence in recent years that have led to lawsuits and loss of public trust and criminal charges against officers and much more, the core virtues of police ethics—including duty, empathy, and selflessness—are woefully absent in these cases. After years of training intended to address police-community relations based on the particularities of a community or a citizen, it may be time to get *back to basics* and look to the human universals that do not change from zip code to zip code or based on race or ethnicity of the citizen an officer encounters.

The 18th Century author Samuel Johnson observed that, **"people need to be reminded more often than they need to be instructed."** It may be time to remind law enforcement officers, at various stages of their careers, of the ethical obligations they have and the common ethical pitfalls that must be avoided in police operations.

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7 Hours of Assignment-
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In this training, Attorney Matt Dolan will analyze issues of poor police operations through the prism of police ethics.

- Meeting ethical challenges in hiring, training, supervision, and discipline
- **Reminding your people of the honorable policing tradition that they have a duty to uphold**
- Recognizing acts of commission and acts of omission (“no contact, no complaint”) in law enforcement
- Seeing the dangers of the rationalization slope, the bystander effect, diffusion of responsibility, and victim mentality in creating an ethical police culture
- **Remembering your WHY**

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Matt Dolan is a licensed attorney who specializes in training and advising public safety agencies in matters of legal liability, risk management and ethical leadership. His training focuses on helping agency leaders create ethically and legally sound policies and procedures as a proactive means of minimizing liability and maximizing agency effectiveness.

Matt received his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from DePaul University and his J.D. from Loyola University Chicago School of Law.

A member of a law enforcement family dating back three generations, he serves as both Director and Public Safety Instructor with Dolan Consulting Group. He has trained and advised thousands of public safety professionals throughout the United States in matters of legal liability. In December of 2024, he published his first book, *Police Liability: A Guide for Law Enforcement Leaders of All Ranks*.

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