

Ethical Decision Making

DVD-ROM Video

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Ethics can mean many different things to different people. In law enforcement, it is important that there is a solid ethical foundation supporting the decisions that peace officers are faced with on a daily basis. What officers do and how they act impacts peoples' lives, and it is critical that officers act in a manner that reflects a sense of service to people and their community.

Ethical decision making involves: 1) recognizing a situation as an ethical or moral issue, 2) evaluating the situation by applying moral principles, 3) determining the most ethical approach; and, 4) acting according to that ethical determination.

The purpose of this training is for officers to understand what ethics is and to learn how to make decisions based upon ethics.

Segments include:

- The Ethical Approach
- Unethical Decisions
- Tools for Making Ethical Decisions
- Ethical Crossroads
- Taking Action
- Honoring the Public Trust

The DVD-ROM video program offers two viewing modes and printable documents:

Facilitated Group Course

Each segment features a short introduction, followed by scenarios with related questions and activities to assist in facilitating a group discussion about ethical decision making. The facilitator has the option to play subject matter expert comments after the discussion to re-emphasize a training point or to ensure all topics are covered. A "Facilitator Guide" document (PDF) is included on the DVD-ROM for printout from a computer.

Informational/Individual Viewing

This viewing mode allows an individual trainee or a small group of trainees to view the training video without formal (classroom) facilitation by an instructor. Features the same scenarios and questions or activities as the "Facilitated Group Course" track. Individual viewers may view sample group discussions, followed by comments from subject matter experts that reiterate and reinforce the teaching points. A "Student Workbook" document (PDF) is included on the DVD-ROM for printout from a computer.



Video Program Guide

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