

# The Armed Confrontation Training (ACT) Program

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## Introduction

Every year, about 50 police officers in the United States are feloniously killed on duty by some type of firearm— usually a handgun. Are your officers *specifically* trained on how to effectively deal with an armed suspect? This training can save their lives, and at a surprisingly low cost!

**RAD Software & Consulting** offers three progressive levels of **ACT Program** Training:

### **ACT Program - Level I**

The **Level I** option provides each of your officers with a paperback copy of **Man with a Gun** (written by the **ACT Program** creator, it is essentially the **ACT Program** in book form, 124 pages, available on Amazon.com). Your department can utilize this book as an important part of their initial and/or annual in-service training requirements.

This training package would also include a written test form we provide that you can use to document the officers' training, and training certificate forms to be completed and issued to the officers for their personal recordkeeping and resumes.

If you have not yet read the book **Man with a Gun**, written by the **ACT Program** creator, it is highly recommended for several reasons:

- Standing on its own, is it an invaluable resource that details those guidelines, and practices that can save your life in dealing with an armed suspect
- It is an excellent primer that explains the research and facts that led to the creation of the **ACT Program** in informative and entertaining detail.
- It is the centerpiece of the **ACT Program – Level I** training option as described here.

If you wish, you might want to first order a single copy of **Man with a Gun** from Amazon.com and see if, as part of the **ACT Program – Level I** training package, it would suit your officer training needs.

### **ACT Program - Level II**

The **Level II** option provides a full eight-hour block of classroom instructional training by the creator and administrator of the **ACT Program**, to be held on-site at your location. This training would include involving the officers in many live-exercises in the classroom itself for demonstration purposes, and would conclude with a written test and completed training certificates.

## **ACT Program - Level III**

The **Level III** option provides a full-service on-site **ACT Program** training session. The creator and administrator of the **ACT Program** would visit your location and help you arrange and set up the program for state-certified police officers or certified private security personnel. Training would consist of an initial four-hour block of classroom instruction followed by running each officer through a series of eight extremely realistic scenarios in a fully immersive environment.

It would be your responsibility as the hosting department to provide an appropriate building, actors, assistant facilitators, weapons/blanks, props, and other various but easy to obtain materials needed to set up the program

More information about each phase of the **ACT Program – Level III** training option:

- ◆ A four (4) hour block of classroom instruction that addresses the subject of guidelines and behaviors needed to enhance a police officer's ability to successfully deal with an encounter with an armed suspect
- ◆ A set of eight (8) practical training scenarios that give the classroom attendees an opportunity put those lessons to the test. Each officer is individually run through the eight sets that quickly sequence one-after-another, creating a highly intense and stressful training experience. This training is held after dark in an appropriately structured building (old schools work particularly well) that has been prepared for this type training.

The scenarios are re-created in an extremely realistic environment that includes real people carefully trained and scripted as the 'Bad Guy' actors. Individually and as a set, these scenarios are based on meticulous and detailed summary research of actual events in which many hundreds of police officers were killed, as compiled and published by the FBI's UCR **Analysis of Officers Killed and Assaulted** annual reports since 1972.

It takes about fifteen (15) minutes to put one police officer through the entire set of scenarios. When you include **group preparation time** needed when the trainees arrive at the **ACT Program** site, and **after-action group debriefing**, evaluation, and participant feedback, about (10) police officers can be put through the training in a single session lasting about four hours. If you decide to run an eight (8) hour training session, twenty (20) police officers can be trained (with a ~30-minute break every ~3 hours).

The **ACT Program** was developed and created in 1982 by **RAD Software & Consulting** owner Rad Delaroderie when he was then employed by the Columbus (Georgia) Police Department (retired at the rank of Major in 2002). In the years since its creation, many hundreds of police officers from departments all around the southeast region of the county went through **ACT Program** training sessions. Now, **RAD Software & Consulting** is offering this program once again for public safety departments and qualified private security businesses around the nation.

Please review the other PDF documents at the **ACT Program** website for more information. You can also contact the **ACT Program** consultant by emailing [act@radsoftware.org](mailto:act@radsoftware.org).