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We've assembled a great group of columnists who will contribute their columns each issue. We're honored to have people of this caliber be a part of **The ILEETA Use of Force Journal**. The columnists have also included their respective e-mail addresses, so feel free to contact them directly with any feedback.

There may be occasional grammatical or typographical errors. We will do our best to reduce these as much as we can. **We cannot edit the respective columns nor any articles published for spelling or grammar due to our limited resources, so what you read is what we received for the writers.** We also cannot guarantee the accuracy of the information, so keep that in mind. Remember, this is a free publication and we want to make sure that this newsletter has valuable information, so your feedback is important.



MORE ON THE TASER

We received a lot of comments on the Taser article published in our last Use of Force Journal, including a request by Taser International to reprint the article on their website. We also got an e-mail from a reader in Great Britain who advised the same debate is raging on the other side of the Atlantic.

In the meantime, another study on the safety of the Taser has been released by The Potomac Institute for Policy Studies, a D.C. area think tank, using an interesting methodology. They used the same approach utilized by the Federal Drug Administration which considers risks relative to product efficacy. The approach recognizes that no product is risk free. One interesting statistic noted in the study was a comparison to airbags, which are estimated to save 50 people for each person killed by an airbag. The same ratio for Taser is estimated by the study to be over 700:1.

The entire study can be viewed at www.potomacinstitute.org.

In an interesting related note, the Scottsdale Police Department is providing Tasers for all 370 of its officers but has prohibited them from being tased as part of the training. Most departments have made a voluntary exposure part of the Taser training for two reasons. First, it gives officers confidence in the effectiveness of the Taser. Second, it provides a vivid glimpse into the importance of weapon retention. A suspect who manages to take away an officer's Taser becomes a deadly threat.

The possibility of injury cited by the Scottsdale Chief in this decision can be mitigated by proper safety practices. Our agency, the Cincinnati Police Department, had over 900 officers submit to a voluntary exposure without a single injury reported.



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IN THIS ISSUE

Take your time!! This issue of The ILEETA Use of Force Journal contains over 40 pages of great information. There is info on legal cases, commentary on current issues, and a very special appearance by Lieutenant Colonel Dave Grossman, who sent us an excerpt from his most recent book, On Combat. We're honored to have Lt. Col. Grossman writing for us and he joins a distinguished group of writers covering a multitude of topics. This issue is not meant to be skimmed over, but read and absorbed over time. Enjoy!

No Less Lethal?? – Laura Scarry is a former police officer and a full-time police defense attorney in the Chicago area. Laura is also a Charter Member of ILEETA. In this issue Ms.