

REMEDIAL TRAINING

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FTI JOHN S. KING, OF THE BELLAIRE (TX) POLICE DEPARTMENT, IS COACHING PPO RON ROBICHEAUX THROUGH A TRAFFIC STOP TRAINING SCENARIO. OFFICER DON McCARVER IS PLAYING THE PART OF A TRAFFIC VIOLATOR FOR THE EXERCISE...

A SAFE TRAFFIC STOP BEGINS WITH ITS RADIO TRANSMISSIONS. ALWAYS INFORM COMMUNICATIONS OF YOUR INTENTIONS BEFORE YOU STOP THE VIOLATOR.

YES, SIR. 323, TRAFFIC, NORTH-BOUND RICE AT BELLAIRE...

UPON COMPLETION OF YOUR RADIO TRAFFIC, SELECT A STOP LOCATION THAT GIVES YOU MAXIMUM VISIBILITY FOR APPROACHING VEHICLES. ACTIVATE YOUR BRIGHT HEADLIGHTS, SPOTLIGHTS, AND OVERHEAD LIGHTS TO STOP THE VIOLATOR.

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WATCH THE VIOLATOR FOR FURTIVE MOVEMENTS AS YOU WALK UP TO HIS VEHICLE. KEEP YOUR GUN HAND FREE. REMEMBER TO CHECK THE TRUNK LID TO SEE IF IT IS LOCKED.

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WHEN A BACKUP OFFICER IS PRESENT HE/SHE SHOULD WATCH THE OCCUPANTS OF THE VEHICLE THROUGH ITS RIGHT-REAR WINDOW.

"STAND SLIGHTLY BEHIND THE DOORPOST WHILE YOU TALK WITH THE VIOLATOR. THIS POSITION GIVES YOU A TACTICAL ADVANTAGE OVER THE DRIVER."

"USE A BALLISTIC CLIPBOARD TO AUGMENT THE PORTABLE COVER ...THAT IS PROVIDED BY YOUR BULLET-RESISTANT VEST."

"REMEMBER THIS: TRAFFIC VIOLATORS ARE 'UNKNOWN ENTITIES'. STAY ALERT! NEVER GIVE THE MOTORIST AN OPPORTUNITY TO ATTACK YOU!"