

Violence Interdiction: A Proactive Approach to Mitigating Conflict (VI)

A VCPI training program that equips law enforcement with the practical skills and knowledge necessary to explain and properly identify conflict, diffuse tensions, and transform the circumstances that often lead to violent and/or lethal activity

VI is designed to enhance the capacity of law enforcement officers nationwide to reduce instances of violence through the integration of effective conflict mitigation theories and techniques into their daily law enforcement roles and responsibilities, particularly problem solving, crime prevention, and community policing efforts.

VI consists of a core curriculum designed as a two-day, facilitator-led course for direct dissemination to law enforcement practitioners, either in a traditional or virtual classroom. Supporting the core curriculum is a three-day instructor development program which prepares instructors to further disseminate the core curriculum in an efficient, consistent, and measurable manner.

The instructional design for this training program is based on a scaffold approach that encourages participants to progress from content awareness through application of learning. The core curriculum consists of three (3) content modules, covering the following topics:

- The broad impact of violence and violent crime in terms of communities, law enforcement and economic consequences;
- The application of risk management principles as a systematic, measurable, and focused approach to implementing violence interdiction strategies;
- An introduction to the Path to Intended Violence, which portrays violence as a delineated process that may be interdicted; and
- An exploration of the tangible steps to identify, assess, and manage threats that may help prevent from violence from occurring at all.

In addition to direct instruction, participants will explore conflict, threat assessment, potential resolution strategies, violence prevention, intelligence gathering, and a variety of policing tools to navigate the interdiction process through interactive discussions, multi-media presentations and activities.

VI presents participants with practical skills and tools to investigate, assess, and manage the circumstances and context that have led to conflict, identify primary issues, and recognize the situational and individual factors influencing those involved and their decisions effectively and proactively.

Although this program is geared toward law enforcement practitioners and public safety professionals engaged in community policing and/or conflict mitigation initiatives, the concepts covered in VI are applicable for all criminal justice disciplines.