



State of California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training

Legal Update: Positional Asphyxia (GC 7286.5)

Introduction

This micro-course provides a legal update on the changes to Government Code Section 7286.5. Students will be able to define positional asphyxia, identify risks for positional asphyxia, and list actions that mitigate the risk of positional asphyxia.

Content Outline

- I. Legal Update
 - a. Review of changes to Government Code (GC) 7286.5(a)-(b)
 - b. Explanation of why the topic is important
- II. Positional Asphyxia
 - a. Components of the legal definition
 - b. Interaction: Simulated conversation with a lawyer about the legal definition of positional asphyxia
- III. Risks and Actions to Consider
 - a. Government Code risks for positional asphyxia
 - b. Actions to consider to mitigate the risk of positional asphyxia
- IV. Resources
 - a. Opportunity to save/download the text of GC 7286.5
- V. Course Quiz