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Situational Decision Making

A training to improve fast thinking



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Motivation

- Police work is **stressful**
- **Critical thinking** skills can improve high stress interactions
- Officers rarely get to **practice cognitive skills** in a safe environment as they do with tactical skills

Training Overview



Small Classes
(12-15 Officers)



Mix of Discussion and
Scenario Training

Officers will leave the training able to **recognize** thinking errors, with **cognitive tools** for better, faster thinking under stress.

Goals

Improve officer
decision making

Reduce **adverse &
undesirable**
outcomes in
police-community
interactions

Improve **safety
& satisfaction** of
police &
community

Evaluation

- Question: How well did Sit-D achieve its stated goals?
- Randomized control trial of pilot training
 - 2,000 officers identified as priority for training
 - 1,000 assigned to training by lottery