



Announcement: The U.S. Supreme Court's imminent ruling on *Barnes v. Felix*, concerning police use of lethal force, is poised to be a landmark decision within the next few months. At issue is determining which doctrine—'Moment of Threat' or 'Totality of Circumstances'—most accurately defines the "Calculation of Reasonableness" in police use of lethal force. *Barnes v. Felix* will stand as one of the most pivotal rulings on **police-qualified immunity** since *Graham v. Connor* (1989). Agencies cannot afford to adopt a wait-and-see approach. We look forward to seeing you.

Title: [The Calculation of Reasonableness in Police Use of Lethal Force](#)

Date: March 4, 2025 **Time:** 9am-12Noon **Platform:** In Classroom

Host/Location: Chief Tom Wetzel, University Circle Police Department
12100 Euclid Ave, Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Introduction: This seminar offers a vital opportunity to stay ahead of the curve, gain critical insights, and engage in the discourse shaping the future of law enforcement.

Topics: Synopsis of *Graham v Conner* (1989) and *Barnes v. Felix*; Key Issues in the 'Moment of Threat' and 'Totality of Circumstances' doctrines; Impact on Qualified Immunity; Conscious v Subconscious Mindsets; Policy Advice; Question & Answer

Presenter: D. J. Van Meter, Ph.D., is a Human Performance Technologist (HPT) with 15 years of experience in law enforcement. He has provided lethal force training to officers nationwide for over a decade and has served as an expert witness. Dr. Van Meter's research primarily examines the physical, conscious, and subconscious-neurological effects associated with police performance in this area.

Prepaid Tuition: \$150 first registrant/ \$140 each additional Regular tuition \$160 first registrant and \$150 each additional.
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