

Ambushes and Fighting From the Vehicle

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Texas Peace Officers are expected to follow the rules, regulations, policies and procedures of their respective departments.

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Call For Service



- You are driving a marked unit responding to an emergency call Code 2. While you are driving, a vehicle quickly approaches from behind striking your patrol vehicle. As you slow down, the vehicle passes, turns around and comes back at you in a deliberate attempt to strike you again. You avoid a major collision although contact is made and the vehicle returns to strike you a third time. This time your vehicle is severely struck causing the airbags to deploy and you to become trapped in the vehicle. Discuss your response options and priorities.

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- The following incident occurred May 1, 2021 in Oklahoma City, OK:

Oklahoma City Ambush May 1 2021

<https://youtu.be/DA-jo3rpGVc>

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- Recognizing a deliberate deadly force attack is occurring is critical. A vehicle being used as a weapon can be just as deadly as a firearm or knife.
- If possible, we should push through an ambush. Get off the "X" and drive through, around or back out of the attack.
- With the suspect circling and coming back twice, is there an opportunity to get off the "X" and exit the kill zone before the high speed impact?

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- A bad case scenario is being trapped in the vehicle with airbags deployed.
- A worst case scenario is being trapped in the vehicle with airbags deployed and not being able to deploy a weapon to defend yourself.
- The Officer was mentally prepared to engage the suspect and quickly deployed his rifle to stop the ongoing assault.
- What if the suspect's vehicle had ended up behind the Patrol unit where the Officer could not see the suspect approaching?

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- Train deploying both your handgun and rifle while seated in the driver's seat of your patrol unit.
- If possible, practice shooting through the windshield on the range.
- Mentally prepare for different attacks and ambushes. Think through response options and check your gear to ensure you can properly respond.
- Remember, push through an ambush and get off the "X"!

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5 Cornerstones



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