



REQUEST FOR INFORMATION:

How Can Law Enforcement Defensive Tactics Training be Improved?

ADAPT Dynamic Defensive Tactics Program

Phase I – Evaluation of Existing Training and Research

Polis Solutions, Inc. is pleased to announce that we have officially started work on Phase I of the new **Adaptive Defensive and Protective Tactics (ADAPT)** program. ADAPT is funded by the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance under the National Officer Safety Initiatives (NOSI). NOSI was created to help improve officer safety based on needs, emerging trends, and concerns brought on by the challenges, threats, and situations that law enforcement officers face every day. The mission of ADAPT is to evaluate, update, and improve defensive tactics training for state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies and academies. Under the grant award, Polis will work closely with selected agencies and academies across the U.S. to evaluate their existing defensive tactics training, and based on this evaluation will develop a model defensive tactics training program that law enforcement agencies can implement nationwide.

The name "ADAPT" is based on the concept that the foundation of officer safety is the ability to adapt decisively to dynamic circumstances and conditions. ADAPT will systematically integrate data from the latest research on decision-making, use of force, officer injuries and fatalities, officer safety, human performance, physiology and kinesiology, and a host of related topics. To develop ADAPT, Polis will establish collaborative partnerships with training academies, defensive tactics professionals, researchers, and law enforcement leaders.

All ADAPT training will be evidence-based, interactive, and use adult learning concepts.

The ADAPT Program consists of the following four phases:

Phase 1 – Evaluation of Existing Training and Research – IN PROGRESS

Phase 2 – Development of ADAPT Curriculum (Q3-Q4 2020)

Phase 3 – Delivery of ADAPT to Pilot Sites (Q1-Q2 2021)

Phase 4 – Evaluation of ADAPT Training (Q3-Q4 2021)

To ensure that ADAPT has a strong foundation, we need as much data and evidence as possible about existing training. Are you willing to share what you know and help improve officer safety? Please see the next page!

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The ADAPT team needs the following data about existing defensive tactics training:

- Curricula, lesson plans, and programs of instruction
- Information on specific tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs)
- Methods of instruction, evaluation, and practice
- Frequency and length of training
- Effectiveness of tactics and techniques for a diverse range of officer body sizes and types
- Research and evaluation results for DT training programs
- Evidence from actual street-level encounters about effective and ineffective TTPs
- Integration of use of force reports and related data with DT training
- Reality-based and scenario training programs
- Use of technology for DT training (virtual/augmented reality, online, etc.)
- DT training in academy, FTO, in-service and other settings
- Integration of DT with firearms, verbal skills, CIT, and other training topics
- DT needs assessment based on yearly UOF data
- Best practices in safety and injury prevention in the training environment

ADAPT is a federally funded research and development program. All training materials, evaluation results, and other program deliverables created by Polis Solutions under this award will be made available at no cost to the national law enforcement community.

Polis Solutions is a training, research, and consulting company that develops innovative programs to improve public trust and safety.

To share information and learn more about ADAPT, please contact us at adapt@polis-solutions.com, or visit our website at www.polis-solutions.com.

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- Emphasize local control.
- Build relationships in the field.
- Provide training and technical assistance in support of efforts to prevent crime, drug abuse, and violence at the national, state, and local levels.
- Develop collaborations and partnerships.
- Promote capacity building through planning.
- Streamline the administration of grants.
- Increase training and technical assistance.
- Create accountability of projects.
- Encourage innovation.
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