

TACOPS

ROLL CALL BRIEFING SHEET

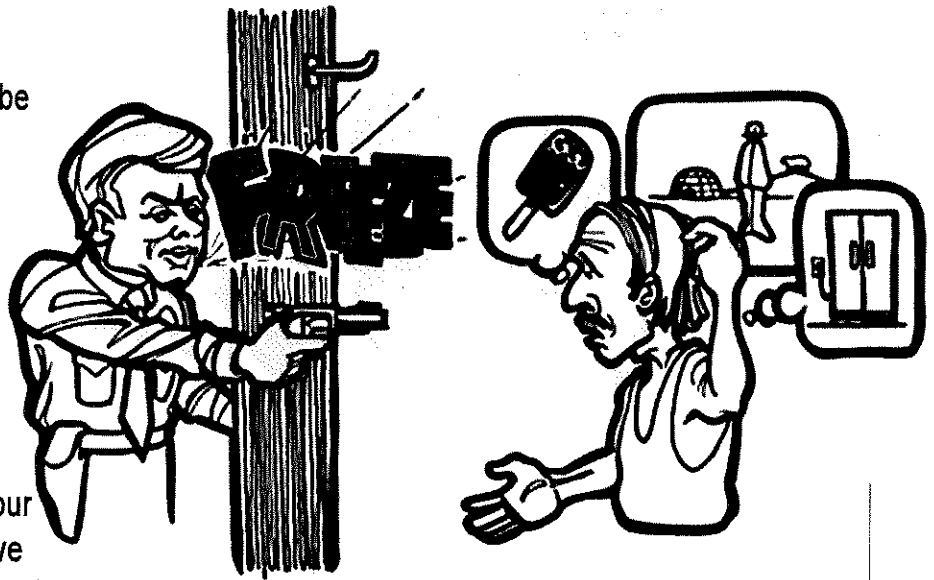
LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT

TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

KEEP IT SIMPLE

It is impossible to dictate what should be said in each situation. Officers should attempt to maintain open lines of communication between suspects and themselves, especially during tense or potentially dangerous encounters. Commands should be given in clear, concise terms, by one officer. The commands should not direct the suspect to make a movement which your partner or another officer might perceive as threatening. The public's expectation is *that while the*



urgency of a situation might preclude the ordinary social amenities, discourtesy under any circumstance is indefensible (Department Manual, Vol. 1/240.15 Courtesy).

It is also understood, however, that in extreme circumstances, profanity may be justified to emphasize and/or stress the importance of compliance. When profanity is utilized, an officer must recognize that it may also escalate the situation, as it can be interpreted as unprofessional and disrespectful.

Note: The Department does not recognize the use of phrases such as, "Tactical Language" or "Street Language." Anytime profanity is used by an officer, as with any deviation from policy, they are expected to explain the justification for the deviation. The justification shall be articulated and must be reasonable based on the situation.

CONCLUSION

Under conditions of high stress, officers will respond to situations with techniques they have trained and practiced. Strong communication skills are one of the most important tools available to us when dealing with high stress situations.

Take Care of Each Other and Stay Safe Out There!