

**ADAPT™**  
Adaptive Defensive and Protective Tactics

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The FBI's LEOKA research and other data highlight the urgent need to enhance officers' basic defensive tactics (DT) proficiency, and point to critical skills gaps that can be effectively mitigated by rigorous and regular training. Improving LEOs' core DT skills and related proficiencies in threat perception, situational awareness, adaptive decision-making, and de-escalation represents a critical opportunity to help reduce officer and citizen injuries and fatalities.



ADAPT is an official program funded by the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance under the VALOR Initiative.

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 this two-year, \$750,000 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 new model program will be called **Adaptive Defensive and Protective Tactics (ADAPT)**.

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 and operational data 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 tactic professionals, evaluation specialists, and law enforcement/public safety administrators. All ADAPT training will be evidence-based, interactive, and use adult learning concepts.



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