

Vector Shields Provide Protection with a Focus on De-Escalation

The way in which law enforcement officials arrive, appear, and react to public and private situations is vitally important. Situations such as protests, traffic stops, and building searches can immediately determine the response from the private citizens involved. Traditional tactical gear and equipment can often appear threatening even when the intention is benevolent. With the increase in conflicting opinions of law enforcement in today's society, along with the frightening current trend of active shooter situations, the dedicated team at Vector Law Enforcement Shields is attempting to reduce the hostile appearance of tactical gear without compromising safety in an attempt to prioritize de-escalation and save more lives.

The Vector Law Enforcement Shield is the brainchild of Robert Scali, a Veteran Green Beret medic and bodyguard to Hollywood actor Steven Seagal. After viewing a newscast featuring an officer that suffered a close-range gunshot to the face, Scali quickly began drafting the first design of the Vector Shields on the back of an empty pizza box.

The new Vector Shield can be utilized by federal, state and local police departments as well as school resource officers. Designed to work with the human psychology behind the body's natural flinch response, and weighing only 8 pounds, these NIJ Level III ballistic shields can be utilized at ease to provide protection to an officer's head, neck, and chest against deadly strikes, dog attacks, and gunshot rounds. With this extra level of protection, officers who are protected behind the ballistic armor are afforded the critical time necessary to safely consider their reaction to dangerous encounters.

Scali designed this tool to be a true de-escalation instrument in law enforcement that is non-aggressive, lightweight, and effective in providing safe cover to the hydraulics of an officer. The shields have a benign appearance that is similar to that of a road reflector and can easily be employed during building searches, vehicle take-downs and many other tactical situations where other shields are not adequate. The Vector Shield is designed with a dazzle pattern made from highly reflective material that momentarily captures the attention of an attacker, providing officers with critical extra seconds. Their increased portability allows officers to carry their Vector Shield with them during day-to-day activities to ensure their safety in all situations.

Vector Shields are currently employed in police departments around the country and abroad, such as the Massachusetts State Police Department, Connecticut State Police Department, New York and New Jersey United States Marshal Service and the Manchester Greater Police in London. Equally as important as the shield itself, Vector Shields also provides law enforcement proper training on utilization and de-escalation tactics proven to reduce threats and save lives. Private citizens and organizations can choose to support their local law enforcement agency by donating shields through Vector's website.

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