

Importance of De-Escalation Tactics



Attitudes about the importance of most de-escalation tactics did not change.



Trained officers place greater importance on the tactic of compromise, and this effect remained after controlling for group differences.

Key Takeaways from De-Escalation Training: **Officer Perceptions of De-Escalation Pre- and Post-Training**



Frequency of De-Escalation Tactics

After controlling for group differences, three tactics remained statistically significant. Trained officers reported greater use of:



Maintaining officer safety

Knowing when to walk away



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Conclusion

- Among the most important de-escalation tactics
- TPD training increased officers' value and use of compromise
- Officer safety is a key component of the TPD training • The training's focus on officer safety appeared to

Maintaining Officer Safety

Compromise

to reduce risk to officers and citizens

have translated into greater use of tactics designed

 Emphasized throughout the training, and includes instances in which another officer may be better equipped to handle a situation

Knowing When to Walk Away

• TPD officers who received the training embraced "knowing when to walk away" as an effective deescalation tactic



