



DISCUSSION - Equipment Preparation

QTC: Take a look at your belt, what do you think those tools are used for?

AR: Self-defense
To arrest people
To kill people

QTC: Based on what you see, what do you think we are preparing for?

AR: Preparing for a confrontation

QTC: If we were to prioritize the positioning of the equipment on your belt, which tool would you position first, second, third and so on?

AR: Firearm
Baton
Flashlight
OC Spray and Taser (Level III weapons)
Handcuffs

QTC: How can you position your equipment so each item can be deployed and/or protected by either hand?

AR: Position all weapons closer to one side or the other. If one hand becomes disabled, slide the gun belt partially around your waist to get the weapon in reach.



SAY TO CLASS

When purchasing a handgun and ammunition you need to take into consideration the following:

- Department policy
- Stopping power
- Capacity
- Size of your hand
- Extra magazines
- Night sights and lights
- Holster
- Back-up weapon: Same make (but compact model) and caliber? Where do you carry it? (pros and cons)

When choosing a level I, II, or III holster you will want to consider the following:

- Can you draw the firearm with either hand?
- How many snaps do you want to unsnap?
- Retention/how quickly can a suspect get it from you?
- Speed in re-securing (Need to be able to holster easily)

You may not have an option in determining what type of holster you will receive due to department policy. However, whatever is the case, you need to make sure you practice deploying your equipment from various positions.

- Ammo

- Holster

- Dept policy may dictate your choices



DISCUSSION - Armor

QTC: When purchasing or selecting body armor for yourself, what are some of the things you should consider?

AR:

- Wear it every shift
- Have a vest fitted correctly
- Ratings II vs. IIIA
- Wear ballistic plate
- Replace vest every five years



DISCUSSION - Flashlights

QTC: When purchasing or selecting a flashlight for your belt, what are some of the things you should consider?

AR: Carry one on all shifts
Carry a full size light
Department authorized impact weapon?
Carry a small light as a back up
Rechargeable vs. batteries
Carry replacement parts



DISCUSSION - OC Spray

QTC: When purchasing or selecting OC Spray for your belt, what are some of the things you should consider?

AR: Scoville Heat Units (500,000 SHU)
Fog
Stream
Foam
Chemical munitions (CS)



DISCUSSION - Baton

QTC: When purchasing or selecting a baton for your belt, what are some of the things you should consider?

AR: Wooden Baton
Riot Stick
Expandable Baton
Flashlight
Holder placement



DISCUSSION - Gloves

QTC: When purchasing or selecting gloves for duty belt, what do you think is the most important thing to consider?

AR:

- Rubber gloves
- Leather gloves
- Neoprene gloves
- Latex gloves

AR: Which type is easiest for me to search and shoot with?

- Searching?
- Shooting?



IMPORTANT POINT

Whichever kind of glove you select, make sure you practice with them.