



Santa Clara Police

Training Flash



OIS w/audio - CHP Bakersfield Officer James McCurty

On Sunday May 06, 2012 at approximately 2310 hours, a CHP Officer out of the Bakersfield office was parked on the side of road working radar speed enforcement on westbound Highway 178 near Lake Isabella. A dark blue SUV (possibly a Yukon or Tahoe) passed his location heading in the same direction. The SUV slowed down, made a U-turn across the double yellow lines and started driving back towards the officer's location. The SUV drove back across the double yellow lines again, now heading eastbound in the westbound lanes and started driving directly at the patrol car. The officer activated his overhead lights to identify himself, as the vehicle pulled up along side his patrol car. At this point a passenger in the SUV leaned out of the rear (back seat) driver's side window and opened fire with a fully automatic Mac 10 type weapon striking the patrol car multiple times.



The officer was struck once in the hand and once in the chest, center mass. The officer ducked for cover, leaning across the passenger seat, drew his weapon and came back up returning fire, striking the suspect vehicle several times. The gunshot to the hand was not life threatening. The gunshot to the chest would have been fatal if not for the fact that the officer was wearing his bullet proof vest. The deadly encounter itself could have been fatal had the officer not remained calm, rehearsed this in his mind BEFORE it happened and had the WILL TO SURVIVE.

An audio recording of this encounter can be found as an attachment in the e-mail form of this Training Flash, as well as on the K:Drive under Training Documents

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