

APPENDIX B

Table 1: Demographic Characteristics of the Sample (n=83).

Demographic Variables	N	%
Gender		
Male	75	90.4
Female	8	9.6
Race		
White	66	79.5
Black	1	1.2
Hispanic	14	16.9
Asian	1	1.2
Other	1	1.2
Age²⁹		
21-25	5	6.3
26-30	10	12.5
31-35	22	27.5
35-40	22	27.5
41-45	11	13.7
45-50	5	6.3
Over 50	5	6.3
Education level attained (at time of shooting)		
High school diploma	4	4.8
Some college	36	43.4
College degree	34	41.0
More than college degree	9	10.8
Type of law enforcement agency employing officer (at time of shooting)		
Municipal	73	88.0
County	9	10.8
State	1	1.2
Rank of officer (at time of shooting)		
Patrol officer	71	85.6
Sergeant	7	8.4
Lieutenant	5	6.0
Number of years on the job (at time of shooting)³⁰		
Less than one year	3	3.9
1-5 years	17	22.0
6-10 years	13	16.9
11-15 years	21	27.3
16-20 years	13	16.9
More than 20 years	10	13.0

²⁹ Missing three cases (n=80)

³⁰ Missing six cases (n=77)

Table 1 Cont.: Demographic Characteristics of Officers (n=83).

Demographic Variables Cont.	N	%
Assignment of officer (at time of shooting)		
General patrol	40	48.2
Special patrol (e.g., crime suppression unit)	15	18.1
SWAT	10	12.0
Detective; arrest or apprehension assignment	8	9.6
Detective; search warrant service assignment	4	4.8
Traffic patrol	2	2.4
Administrative assignment	1	1.2
K-9	1	1.2
Off-duty	1	1.2
Other	1	1.2

Table 2: Incident Characteristics as Described by Officers (n=83).

Incident Variables	N	%
Other officers present		
Officers present were from own officer's agency	72	86.7
Officers present were from another agency	2	2.4
Officers present were from both the officer's agency and another agency	9	10.8
Number of perpetrators present		
One perpetrator	79	95.2
Two perpetrators	4	4.8
Number of non-suspect citizens present³¹		
None	40	48.2
1-5	19	22.9
6-10	3	3.6
10+	7	8.4
Type of weapon possessed by perpetrator(s)		
Handgun	47	56.6
Vehicle	8	9.6
Edged weapon (e.g., knife)	5	6.0
BB gun/replica gun/toy gun	4	4.8
Explosive device	3	3.6
Other	16	19.2
Did perpetrator(s) fire at officer?³²		
Yes	19	22.9
No	36	43.4
Did perpetrator(s) fire at other officers on scene?³³		

³¹ One missing case (n=82)

³² 28 missing cases (n=55)

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Yes	28	33.7
No	27	32.5
Did perpetrator(s) fire at non-suspects on the scene?³⁴		
Yes	4	7.7
No	48	57.8

³⁴ 31 missing cases (n=52)

APPENDIX C

Potential Post-Shooting Interview Protocol for Officers Present at Officer-Involved Shootings

First, officers (both shooters and witness officers) should be encouraged to review the incident in their own words

Next, the interviewer should collect information about the decisions made by participating officers throughout the incident, preferably using the Binder and Scharf deadly force decision-making framework as a guide. For interview question suggestions, see below:

Anticipation Phase:

- How did you become involved in this incident?
 - If you were requested by another officer, who requested you? Why did you respond to this particular request? Would you have responded to this request had any other officer made it?
- Tell me about the information you received after you decided to respond to the call but before you arrived on scene
 - Who did you receive this information from?
 - Did you believe this information to be accurate? Why or why not?
 - Did the information you received during this phase impact this decision in any way? If so, how?
- Did you consider executing any other decisions other than the ones you ultimately made?
 - If so, what were they? And why did you decide against them?
- Do you feel as though your decision was in any way influenced by either the presence of or decisions made by other officers involved?
 - If so, how?

Entry & Initial Contact Phase:

- Tell me about the initial observations you made upon your arrival on scene
 - Did they coincide with the information you had received about the situation and/or suspect prior to arriving?
 - If not, did you alter your initial understanding of the incident and/or suspect?
 - Did your initial observations of the situation and/or the suspect impact your decision-making at this time point? If so, how?
- At this point in the incident, what were your initial thoughts about the suspect?
 - What influenced these thoughts or this perception? Information you received? Direct observations? Past experience?
- Did you consider your personal safety at this point during the encounter?

- If so, what led you to be concerned for your safety? What precautions did you take?
 - This may be where the interviewer can use probing questions related to availability of cover, distance from the suspect, and timing
- Did you consider the safety of other officers?
 - If so, how did this (or these) concern(s) factor into your decision-making at this point?
 - This may be where the interviewer can use probing questions related to availability of cover, distance from the suspect, and timing
- Were your decisions at this point in the encounter in any way shaped by any perceptions you had about your job/role in the incident?
 - If so, how?
- Do you feel as though your decisions at this point in the incident were in any way influenced by either the presence of or decisions made by other officers involved?
 - If so, how?
 - If the officer had an assigned role or was directed to engage in a certain task by other officer, this topic may arise here

Information Exchange Phase:

- Did you initiate verbal contact with the suspect?
 - If so, why did you make this decision? If not, why did you make this decision?
 - Did the presence of and/or decisions made by other officers influence this decision?
 - Did your verbal communication with the suspect impact your decision-making at this point during the encounter?
 - Why or why not?
- Did the body language of the suspect impact your decision-making in any way at this point?
 - If so, how? And what was it about the suspect's body language that influenced your decision-making?
- Did your perception of the amount of control you (or your fellow officers) had over the situation influence your decision-making at this point?
 - If so, how?
 - In your experience, how do you personally gauge how much control you have over the situation?
 - What would have to happen in a police-citizen interaction to lead you to believe you have lost control?
- Did you communicate with other officers on scene at this point?
 - If so, why? Did you work together to draft a plan?
 - If not, why? Did you consider communicating with other officers?

- Up to this point of the encounter, would you say your decision-making would be best described as an independent process? Or as a collaboration with the other officer(s) on scene?
- Do you feel as though the decisions you made at this point in the incident were in any way influenced by either the presence of or decisions made by other officers involved?
 - If so, how?
- Did you consider the possibility that you may have to use deadly force?
 - Why or why not?
 - Did the presence of and/or decisions made by other officers impact your thoughts on this matter?
- Did you consider using deadly force at this point or at any other point in the encounter?
 - If so, when? And why did you consider using deadly force?
 - If the officer did not considering using deadly force during the incident, the interviewer should probe as to why
 - Was this lack of consideration due to the presence of and/or decisions made by other officers?
 - Other factors? If so, what were they?

Final Frame Phase:

- Did you make a conscious decision to use deadly force?
 - If so, why did you choose to fire?
 - Did the presence of and/or decisions made by other officers influence your decision to fire?
 - If you did not make a conscious decision to fire, how would you best explain your firing behavior?
- Did you make a conscious decision to hold fire?
 - If so, why did you decide against using deadly force?
 - Did the presence of and/or decisions made by other officers influence your decision to refrain from shooting?