

# THE MAXTACTX KNOWLEDGE BASE



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**THE TACTICAL BITS:** Information and tips from the fields of security, law enforcement, and protective services.

## The Relativity of Tactical Leadership Experience

Some law enforcement tactical units have the luxury of providing a wealth of leadership and experience forged through constant operational activities to include call outs to emergency situations. One only needs to look at one of the few series documentaries about a major city SWAT team with its silver haired veteran sergeants to figure out there is a certain trend that is fitting in such an intense line of work were actions and decisions can cost lives.

Gaining decades of experience busting through doors is valuable, but what about the many other tactical teams and leaders who don't get this real life experience? How does your status get established when you can't say you've even done one call out as an officer let alone a leader of a team within a community that is subjective by nature and critical to bull when it sees it?

Fortunately it's not all doom and gloom for someone in this position. As mentioned earlier, our community is critical to bull and subjective at that, so when you can't say, "Well this worked during this barricade situation" being a developer of concepts and tactical procedures from a scholarly as well as a training perspective, then sending them out to your fellow wolves to feast upon is the next best thing. If most get regurgitated back to you, then you know it's time to go back to the drawing board. This like actual operations is about trial and error. The good thing is that with this you don't suffer errors that can kill and you actually get better as a profession in the field.

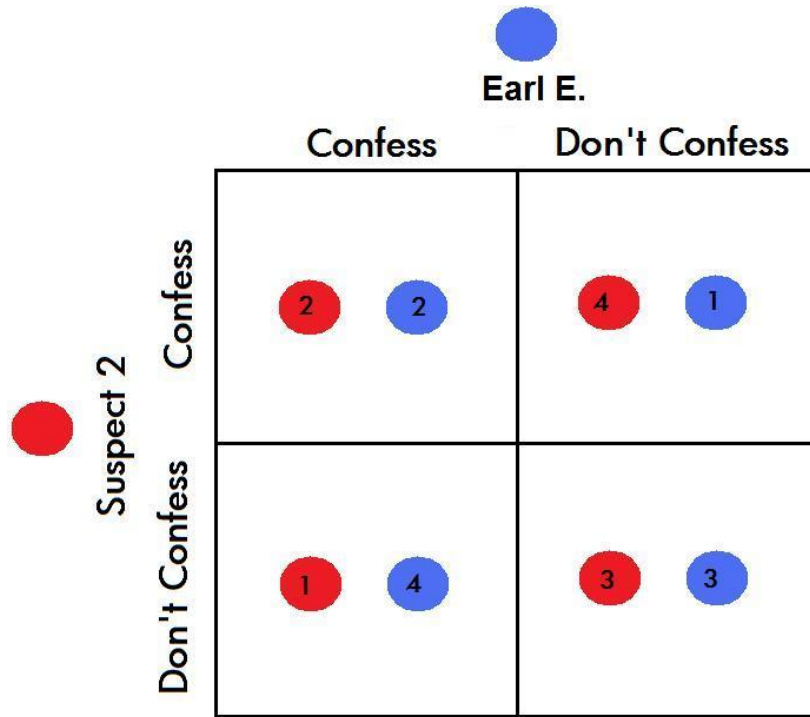
Being a tactical scholar is not an oxymoron. This has never been a profession where you could just get any guerilla to bust through a door and take down some bad guys. Critical as well as reflexive thought are essential to tactical operations. Since critical thought is essential during the operation it should come as no surprise that being able to communicate such thought so that others can benefit from it later would be as important. After all we work in an environment that is as much an R&D lab as it is a work place.

If you can't write it than who will know it beyond ear shot? That is the question you should ask when it's your duty to train and lead a team. It's a general rule in training that 2000 plus repetitions leads to muscle memory. Whether you as a leader develop your command muscle memory through 2000 call outs, 2000 tactical training and development papers, or a mixture of them and other means, the duty to be that leader who's prepared when the mission comes is yours whether you're that silver haired veteran with 20 plus years in a major PD unit or a supervisor who's first call out comes after you're wearing the stripes.

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Earl E. needs some motivation to confess. Let's show him this Game Theory chart to persuade him a little.



1 = 20 years, 2 = 10 years, 3 = 5 years, 4 = set free

