

**Samuel Faulkner**  
Senior Instructor



**Education**

- Bachelors in Health, Physical Education & Biology
- Masters in Physical Education, Exercise Physiology
- Post Masters study in Adult Education
- Northwestern University Center for Public Safety, School of Police Staff and Command

**Key Areas of Expertise**

- Law Enforcement Instruction
- Use of Force

**Relevant Experience**

- Over 30 years of Law Enforcement experience
- OPOTA Instructor
- Instructed more than 10,000 hours

Mr. Samuel Faulkner has been a Certified Police Officer since 1983, having served as a Law Enforcement / Corrections Training Specialist for the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA), a section of the of Ohio Attorney General’s Office from 1987 – 2009. Mr. Faulkner is currently the Chief of Police for the Village of Mechanicsburg, Ohio. Additionally, Mr. Faulkner has served as an expert witness in over 300 national Law Enforcement and Corrections cases involving Response To Resistance, False Arrest, Tactics, Arrest Practices and Procedures.

Mr. Faulkner holds an undergraduate degree from Hiram College and a Master’s degree from Kent State University in the concentration of Exercise Physiology, post Masters study in Adult Education and Northwestern University Center for Public Safety, School of Police Staff and Command. In 1971, Mr. Faulkner joined the USMCR, graduated from Paris Island, and was promoted to Pfc. Later named the Dress Blue Honor Man, awarded the American Honor Medal and obtained perfect Proficiency and Conduct evaluations.

Sam has conducted a series of national research projects to establish "reasonable" response standards for law enforcement, and correction officers. He has expanded his program to include research with the U.S. Justice Department, National Institute of Justice, and AFSCME Corrections United. Mr. Faulkner's force model has been adopted throughout Ohio, West Virginia, and countless departments throughout the United States and has been presented to the National Association of Attorney Generals, and at the 2003 CALEA national seminar, and numerous CALEA regional conferences. Mr. Faulkner is a past Board Member and past Chairman of the Board for ASP expandable baton. Mr. Faulkner was awarded the Ohio Attorney General’s Professionalism Award in 1997 and the Ohio Distinguished Law Enforcement Training Award in 2009.