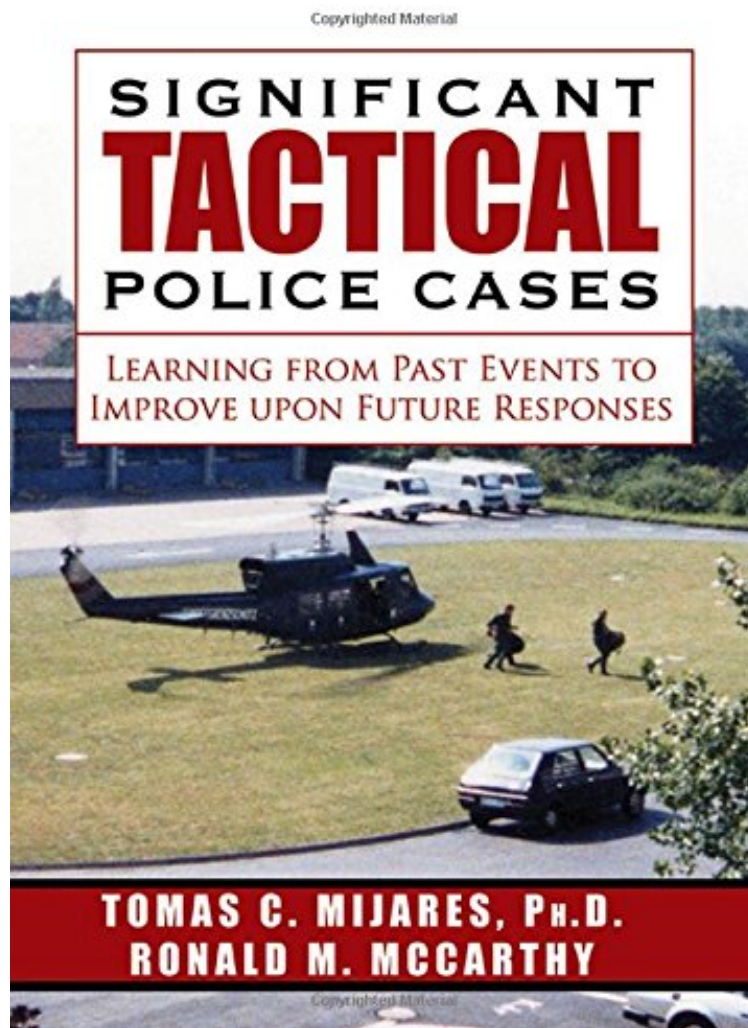


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While skill development is important in the world of law enforcement, today there appears to be a disturbing lack and understanding of history, how it impacts the present, and how it ultimately affects the future. Accordingly, the primary purpose of this book is to provide the professional SWAT officer with the appropriate historical references in order to improve the individual and overall performance of this very specialized aspect of law enforcement. The text offers analysis of significant case histories, much in the same manner as the approach to learning used by the Harvard Business School and the United States Army War College. Tactics, equipment, organizational preparedness, and operational execution are examined to identify what was successful and can be maintained or improved for future use or what was ineffective and should be avoided. In reviewing the significant case histories, a variety of methods was used for data collection, including original police and court records, interviews with participants in these events, and even direct observation. By examining these cases, the reader becomes better equipped and more able to understand how the standards were developed in the police tactical world and why they are so important to operational success. In addition to SWAT specialists, this book is also written for police officers of all levels, particularly those who are charged with the responsibilities of supervising personnel, allocating scarce resources, and making policy. Without a proper historical reference, performance of these skills often becomes an exercise in futility and even counterproductive. The text will also be beneficial to college and university students of criminal justice and to those whose vocations take them close to the criminal justice world such as politicians, journalists, social workers, and other caregivers.

Dr. Jennings perceives 'It is a common law enforcement practice to perform an after-action review of major critical incidents so that the officers involved can assess their own actions and discuss what worked and what failed in an effort to improve their response in the next critical incident. This book brings that same approach to tactical incidents from both the distant and recent past. . . The diverse selection of cases demonstrates not only the long-term evolution of tactical concepts and knowledge, but also underlines the ways in which law enforcement agencies can learn from their counterparts across the globe. . . These lessons could very easily prevent a lawsuit or save the life of an officer, bystander or even an offender. More importantly, the lessons could possibly prevent a situation from becoming a crisis in the first place.' --Kevin W. Jennings/The Tactical Edge /Summer 2015