

Utilizing Technology for Training and Professional Development in Law Enforcement

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Abstract

Computer Aided Learning, Computer Based Learning, E-Learning and Blended Learning are technologies currently being used in educational settings all over the United States. This paper describes each technology and how it assists learners. Also covered is how this type of technology gives end users advantages over conventional classroom learning as well as the obstacles that may prevent some from utilizing this tool. Subsequently, this study evaluates the willingness of law enforcement members to utilize this technology. Next, a correlation is made showing the relationship of technology and the readiness of participants to incorporate online and blended learning in their professional law enforcement careers. Lastly, a case is made on why agencies should consider using technology for training purposes.

