



Biography

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Dr. Geoff Alpert is a Professor in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of South Carolina.

He earned his Ph.D. in Sociology from Washington State University in 1975. For the past twenty years Dr. Alpert has concentrated his research and training on the evaluation of high-risk police activities, including the use of force, deadly force, pursuit driving, racial profiling and accountability systems.

Dr. Alpert is currently working on research concerning police use of force to control suspects and specifically the use of Conducted Electrical Devices (Tasers) that is funded by the National Institute of Justice. He recently completed studies of police officer discretionary decision making and research on racial profiling in Miami-Dade County, Florida, and Los Angeles, California.

He has completed national studies on pursuit driving and use of force also funded by the National Institute of Justice. Dr. Alpert currently assists police departments by writing and evaluating policies, training and accountability systems.

He has authored numerous books and monographs including, *Understanding Police Use of Force: Officers, Suspects and Reciprocity* *The force Factor: Measuring Police Use of Force Relative to Suspect Resistance* (with R. Dunham) *Police Vehicles and Firearms: Instruments of Deadly Force* (with L. Fridell) and *Pursuit Driving: What We Know* (with D. Kenney, R. Dunham and W. Smith).

Dr. Alpert has also written more than 125 articles on topics including the use of force, pursuit driving and accountability systems.