## Officer SAFETY SHESKLIST

- 1. Stop, look, and listen; gather information before you act.
- Do not rush when the situation doesn't really require speed.
- 3. Get plenty of assistance.
- 4. Stay alert for the danger signs.
- 5. Wear your body armor.
- 6. Maintain a reactionary gap; don't get too close too soon.
- 7. Watch your approach and positioning.
- 8. Always watch their hands.
- 9. Don't make dangerous assumptions.
- 10. Use cover properly.
- Use backup wisely; follow good contact and cover tactics.
- Follow careful weapons retention practices.
- 13. Never stop looking for the next threat.
- 14. Expect the unexpected.
- Make some contingency plans for surprises.
- 16. Never use "cowboy" tactics.
- 17. Never daydream on the job; stay alert.
- Maintain proficiency with all your equipment through regular practice.
- Realize that all equipment has limitations, and so do you.

- 20. In a crisis situation, make a decision, even if it's imperfect.
- 21. Stay in good physical/ emotional condition.
- 22. Handcuff properly.
- 23. Search correctly.
- 24. Be aware of who and what is present in your immediate environment.
- 25. Practice tactical withdrawal, as required.
- 26. Count on your good common sense.
- 27. Maintain a winning mind set.
- Avoid carelessness and complacency at all costs.
- 29. Never stop learning your job.
- 30. Remember to survive mentally too.

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Bomb/Explosive Issues	888/ATF-BOMB
Center for Disease Control (CDC)	888-232-6348
National Response Center-Chem/Bio Hotline	800-424-8802
Civil Air Patrol, National Operations Center	888-211-1812
Department of Homeland Security	202-282-8000
NHTSA Auto Safety Hotline	888-327-4236
FEMA	
Regional Contact Information	800-480-2520
Apply for Assistance	800-621-3362
Report Fraud	800-323-8603
U.S. Marshall Fugitive Hotline	800-336-0102
Poison Control Center Hotline	800-222-1222
State Dept.–Travel Warnings	202-647-5225
National Child Abuse Hotline	800-4-A-CHILD
National Domestic Violence Hotline	800-799-7233
National Missing/Exploited Children Hotline	800-843-5678
LOCAL POCs (fill in with alcohol pen)	
FBI Field Office	
Immigration/Customs Enforcement	
Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, & Explosives	
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