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# Letter from the Editor

Welcome to Response Australia's fifteenth issue.

As always the last couple of months have been a busy time for our Law Enforcement community, those men and women who face down evil when the rest of society is sleeping.

A very under-publicised incident occurred in NSW where a crew responding to a noise complaint were set upon by a mob and their vehicle was set alight while they had to flee to safety.

Another Officer was dragged two hundred meters along a suburban street when dealing with a "simple" traffic matter, and Police had to diffuse a number of suspect packages in a residence.

The additional shootings, deaths in custody, and sieges pale in comparison to spate of Police pursuits resulting in collisions. At last count, in the last two months four Police were injured, four people killed, and a number more were injured due to frontline Police being forced to conduct unsafe pursuits as a result of negligent policies and training.

Wake up Management, and start doing your job.

One bright light in the darkness was Tactical Week Australia. Just from the training point of view, there was more relevant and effective training conducted in one week at TWA than has been done in decades at Australia's Police training facilities, whether it be Defensive Tactics, firearms skills or tactics.

Slowly, but surely, this wealth of training that is freely available overseas, and truly the "world's best" is encroaching upon the viciously protected nepotistic fiefdoms of so-called "training" in our Law Enforcement agencies.

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It will be interesting to see if our Police Managers will be held accountable for their bare-faced lies regarding their agencies adhering to non-existent "world's best practice" standards.

But, that is probably nothing more than a pipe-dream.

With VicPol's Chief Commissioner Overland showing that high-ranking Officers can commit serious crimes with no subsequent investigation or discipline taken, while initiating internal investigations over very minor email misuse that amounts to normal human interaction, we have to wonder when it is that Management of our Law Enforcement agencies will start to realise their purpose, their duty, their job.

It is not the frontline Police Officer shedding blood, sweat and tears that exists to serve Management. Those brave men and women serve no one but society itself.

So why do Management exist? It used to be that they were leaders, who led our men and women in their arduous duty. But they have shed that image for one that favours the organisation, which is a shame, as it detracts from the reason Law Enforcement exists.

Management is meant to support those on the frontline to do their job, to "Protect and Serve", and not the other way around.

Demand more from your "Managers" and do more for your subordinates. It's your duty.

Stay safe

Doug Nicholson - Editor



# Tactical Week Australia Training

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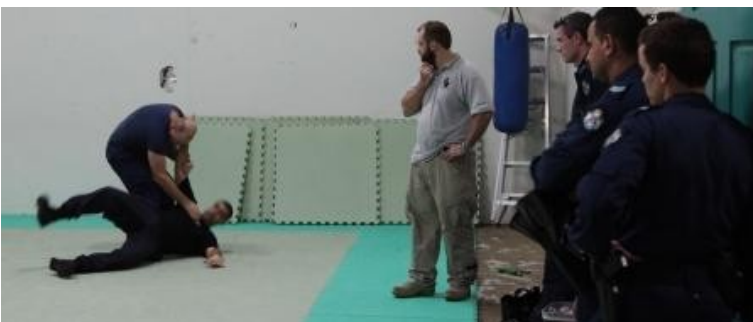
The main aim of Tactical Week Australia is to provide "leading edge operational and industry skills training, demonstrations, lectures and discussions". As the majority of training provided was of an introductory nature, my reviews were only of that introduction, and should not be taken as a review of the full training courses provided by the company / instructor.

In this series of articles, the courses covered are done so in the order they were conducted.

## ISR Matrix

Session description:

*ISR Matrix originated in Florida USA. I.S.R (Intercept, Stabilize, and Resolve) is the guiding philosophy behind the system. An officer's primary objective is to safely and efficiently intercede, control, and resolve a situation regardless of the level of resistance he or she encounters from verbal on through to deadly force. A uniform yet dynamic system, the I.S.R. Matrix allows for rapid escalation and de-escalation of force within every response level as it relates to the resistance level being encountered. It completely enables and empowers officers with the guidelines and means to handle any situation while using the minimum appropriate levels of force to overcome resistance as it transpires and evolves. As a working matrix of interconnected or interwoven options it exists as a highly efficient, uniform, and very adaptable system of Defensive Tactics. It functions as a complimentary network of training approaches, working concepts, and highly effective techniques that are readily accessible within the legal framework or use of force guidelines currently in use by law enforcement agencies internationally. ISR Matrix has provided ongoing training for the US Defence Departments OSI Anti-Terrorism Speciality Team and is the preferred Defensive Tactics program of various other Police and Military units.*



The ISR component of Tactical Week Australia covered 2 phases, being 3 days at the start of the cycle, and the final 2 days. ISR training has been covered in a prior issue of *Response Australia eMagazine* - [www.responseaustralia.net/issues/Issue12.pdf](http://www.responseaustralia.net/issues/Issue12.pdf)

The final 2 days of the ISR training was Law Enforcement specific, covering such subjects as:

- Revision of all ISR physical management subject control;
- Weapon retention: holstered, drawn and while drawing;
- Disarming;
- Fouling the opponents draw;
- Team tactics;
- Confined spaces;
- Ground recovery;
- Vehicle extractions;
- Arrest set ups;
- Introduction to attached striking and basic clinch with cloth;
- Fluid transitions through subject control and all use of force options - both escalation and de-escalation.

ISR was also demonstrated during the Tactical Week Trade Show, with a certain Tier 1 unit showing very real interest in its capabilities.

I can only emphasize what I have said previously about ISR in that it is the defensive tactics solution for Police, far above current OST training in place. For more information, visit [www.isrmatrixaustralia.com](http://www.isrmatrixaustralia.com)

## AIIMS

Session description:

*The Australasian Inter-Service Incident Management System (AIIMS) was adapted from the American National Inter-agency Incident Management System (NIIMS). AIIMS provides a single management structure that facilitates the bringing together of all resources, from one or several organisations, to work cooperatively and cohesively in resolving an incident. Its application is intended to:*

- *minimise the impact on the community and environment;*
- *provide for the welfare of people involved in controlling the incident;*
- *effectively and efficiently control the incident; and*

