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Dr. Ron Martinelli, is a forensic law enforcement practices expert and trial specialist who is also a premises liability and security expert. Dr. Martinelli is Team Leader for the nation’s only civilian multidisciplinary Forensic Death Investigations and Independent Review Team comprised of forensic homicide investigators, scientists, physicians and forensic experts. He is also the only police practices expert who is also a Certified Medical Investigator at the physician’s level. He specializes in officer and civilian involved death cases, self-defense homicide, human factors and psycho-medical emergencies.

Areas of Expertise

- Civil Rights Violations
- Crime Foreseeability & Premise Liability
- Crime Scene Investigation/Reconstruction
- Criminal Defense Investigations
- Use of Force
- Deadly Force
- Death in Police Custody
- Self-Defense Homicides
- Homicide
- Suicides
- Suspicious Deaths
- TASER
- Psycho-medical Emergencies
- Digital A/V Evidence
- False allegations
- Firearms/Ballistics
- Forensic Investigations
- Gunshot Trajectory
- Human Factors
- Jail Standards & Safety
- Law Enforcement Standards of Practice
- Law Enforcement Training
- Police Misconduct Investigations
- Police Officers & Stress
- Police Practice & Procedures
- Security Training & Practices
- Shooting Reconstruction
- Vehicular Accident Reconstruction
- Municipal Liability - Monell Claims

Qualifications Summary

- Federal/State Courts qualified expert – Police/Corrections practices since 1993
- Over 35 years of active law enforcement training and consulting experience to over 300 law enforcement agencies, criminal justice training centers, social service agencies, public safety agencies and municipalities
- Over 22 years’ experience as active police officer and detective
- CA State Bar Approved Instructor, Firearms, Self-Defense & Deadly Force, 2014
- 30+ year state approved law enforcement instructor 30 separate police/corrections methodologies
- Former Special Investigator, City of Riverside, CA – Officer-Involved Shootings and In-Custody Death
- Law Enforcement Expert, United States Department of Justice
- Attorney General Offices’ Police Practices Expert, AK, OR, NV, NM, NE, ILL, WV, VT, DE
- Police and Corrections Practices Expert for multiple law enforcement municipal and state agencies in:
 - CA, OR, AK, NV, CO, NM, NE, WV, FL, ILL, OH, NY
- Law Enforcement Practices Expert – Judge Advocate General, United States Marine Corps
- Contributing Forensic Expert – FOX News, CNN, One America News Network, Discovery Channel, Investigations Discovery Channel, History Channel, numerous local and regional news services
- Author of four texts, over twenty training manuals and numerous articles on criminology & police practices
- 90%+ success rate in law enforcement and civil rights litigation cases involved in as expert

Licenses/Certifications

- Certified Medical Investigator, CMI-V (Physician’s Level), American College of Forensic Examiners Institute, Missouri State Medical Association accredited
- Certified Force Analyst (CFA), Officer-Involved Shootings, Force Science Institute®, Minnesota State University
- Certified Force Investigator, Los Angeles Police Department, Force Investigations Division
- AELE – Certified Litigation Specialist in Police and Corrections Practices (CLS)
- IPICD – Certified Forensic Analyst and Instructor, Sudden In-Custody Death
- American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress (AAETS) – Board Certified in Forensic Traumatology (BCFT)