

# “Field Command”

by Charles “Sid” Heal

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“Field Command,” a new book by Charles ‘Sid’ Heal, *The Tactical Edge’s* long-time “Tactical Concepts” columnist and renowned law enforcement and military tactics expert and author, provides a comprehensive overview of tactical science. The book is a first of its kind in that it introduces and explains more than 250 time-tested, tried-and-true tactical concepts in an easy to understand format, tightly focused on domestic law enforcement applications. The concepts and principles are taken from tactical texts and military field manuals but are presented in scenarios that commonly confront law enforcement officers. The book includes more than 40 illustrations to elucidate and amplify key concepts and includes both a comprehensive index and “concept glossary” to facilitate reference and research.

The book is divided into six sections, each of which focuses on a discrete aspect of a tactical operation or disaster response. Each of the sections, *At the Scene, Understanding and Developing Strategy, Command Staff, Planning and Decision Making, Multi-Dimensional Battlespace* and *Action Bookends*, group the principles and concepts to enable readers to easily grasp how they interact with one another. The reader-

friendly format omits footnotes in favor of bolded key terms and definitions, and includes fascinating endnotes that delve into the historical context of how they were discovered or determined.

“Field Command” is intended to be a staple in the technical and research libraries of commanders and tactical teams, as well as a textbook for instructors and students of tactical science. The book will be available for purchase through the NTOA bookstore. ■




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