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CASE STUDY

VR Police Training System

Immersive VR training that prepares police officers for complex, high-pressure scenarios through safe, repeatable practice.

Platform: VR



Project overview

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About the project

OneBonsai created an immersive VR training platform for police forces, allowing officers to practice complex scenarios with lifelike AI-powered suspects, civilians, and environments. The system supports both individual and group training, helping officers improve decision-making, coordination, and performance under pressure. By offering a scalable, cost-effective alternative to traditional live exercises, the VR solution enhances readiness while reducing risks and logistical burdens.

Challenge

Preparing Officers for Modern Policing Complexities

Police forces worldwide face increasing complexity in their daily operations. Officers must handle unpredictable, high-pressure situations-from armed confrontations to public disturbances-where split-second decisions can mean the difference between escalation and resolution. Traditional training methods, such as classroom instruction or static shooting ranges, provided some value but fell short in replicating the intensity and unpredictability of real-world policing.

Live exercises, while more realistic, were costly, logistically difficult, and often unsafe. Many officers entered the field without sufficient exposure to realistic practice scenarios, limiting their ability to remain calm, coordinate with colleagues, and make the right decisions under pressure. A more scalable, safe, and immersive solution was needed to prepare law enforcement professionals for the challenges of modern policing.

> *"Conventional training couldn't replicate the unpredictability and intensity of real police work."*

Solution

Immersive VR Police Training Platform

OneBonsai developed a VR training system that places officers in lifelike environments populated with virtual suspects, civilians, and dynamic scenarios. Officers can train individually or in teams, practicing responses to a variety of situations such as hostage negotiations, crowd control, or active threats. The simulation challenges officers to apply proper tactics, communication, and judgment while adapting to evolving situations.

Because the training is fully virtual, scenarios can be repeated endlessly, adjusted in difficulty, or customized to specific needs, offering far more flexibility than traditional drills.

Approach

Realistic and Scalable Scenario Design

The platform was built with input from law enforcement experts to ensure authenticity in both environments and character behaviors. Scenarios were designed to simulate not only physical challenges but also psychological stressors, forcing officers to practice decision-making under pressure.

Multi-user functionality allowed entire teams to train together, reinforcing coordination and communication in complex operations. The system was also designed to be scalable and portable, enabling police departments of different sizes to implement the training without major infrastructure investments.

Built-in analytics tracked officer performance, giving instructors insights into decision-making, accuracy, and tactical awareness. This combination of realism, teamwork, and measurability created a comprehensive training tool for modern policing.

> *"I could practice high-pressure situations repeatedly until I got them right."*

Outcome

Enhanced Readiness and Safer Training

The VR Police Training System provides officers with safe, repeatable exposure to high-stakes scenarios that were previously too dangerous or costly to simulate. Officers report feeling more confident in their ability to de-escalate conflicts, make sound decisions under stress, and work as a team in dynamic environments.

Police departments benefit from a scalable solution that improves training outcomes while reducing costs associated with live drills. By combining immersion with safety and efficiency, the VR platform helps raise the overall standard of police preparedness, ultimately contributing to safer officers, safer communities, and more effective law enforcement.

> *"VR makes our training safer, more flexible, and better aligned with modern policing needs."*

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