

Joe Eleuterio

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SUMMARY

José “Joe” Eleuterio is a retired Brazilian police captain and instructor with over 16 years of experience in law enforcement. His interest in police training began in 2014, following a visit to the ALERRT Center, which introduced him to the concept of tactical research. This led him to pursue a master’s degree in Psychology in 2021. During the program, his position within the police department enabled him to conduct several practice-driven research projects focused on improving training and policing. He currently lives in Texas, where he is pursuing a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice at Texas State University and works as a researcher at the ALERRT Center. His research centers on police use-of-force training and tactics. His work has contributed to major reforms in the self-defense syllabus and training methods of his former department.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., <i>Criminal Justice</i> , Texas State University	Expected May 2028
M.Sc, <i>Psychology</i> , Universidade Federal do Paraná (Brazil)	2023
Post-Graduate Diploma, <i>Law Applied to Policing</i> , Supremo College (Brazil)	2024
Post-Graduate Diploma, <i>Military History</i> , Unisul (Brazil)	2022
B.S., <i>Physical Education</i> , Uninter (Brazil)	2021
B.S., <i>Public Safety</i> , Academia Policial Militar do Guatupê (Paraná, Brazil)	2010

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Policing, police training, use of force, police TTPs (tactics, techniques, and procedures)

FIELD EXPERIENCE

Brazilian State Police Department (Military Police of the State of Paraná)	April 2008 – February 2025
<i>Cadet/Aspirant-Officer</i> Basic and field training	
<i>2nd Lieutenant</i> Shift coordinator and company subcommander	
<i>1st Lieutenant</i> Company (district) commanding officer	
<i>Captain</i> Company (district) commanding officer	

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Texas State University

Doctoral Assistant | School of Criminal Justice and Criminology

August 2024 – May 2025

Doctoral Assistant | ALERRT Center

June 2025 – present

Universidade Tecnológica Federal do Paraná (Brazil)

Researcher | TFESP Research Group

July 2021 – present

Universidade Federal de Uberlândia (Brazil)

Researcher | Research Group - Public Policies and Evidence

January 2025 – present

Universidade Estadual do Paraná (Brazil)

Research Advisor (for Undergraduate Students) | Academia Policial Militar do Guatupê

2022 – 2025

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

*Undergraduate students

Eleuterio, J., Millani, V.N.*, & Müller, T.S (2025). Effects of safety belt use in police vehicles on the response time of police officers in an ambush: a study using single case experimental design. *Brazilian Journal of Public Safety [Revista Brasileira de Segurança Pública]*, 19(1), 394–411. DOI: 10.31060/rbsp.2025.v19.n1.1932

Eleuterio-da-Rocha, J., Silva, D.A.*, & Zingraff, R. (2025). Officer Gender and Suspects Resisting Arrest: A Case-Control Study in Brazil. *Women & Criminal Justice*. DOI: 10.1080/08974454.2025.2460984

Ziel-Beltrão, R.*, **Eleuterio-da-Rocha Neto, J.**, & Freire, F.D. (2025). Skill Decay Of A Standing Handcuffing Technique On Brazilian Police Officers. *Journal of Motor Learning and Development*. DOI: 10.1123/jmld.2024-0003

Eleuterio-da-Rocha, Neto, J., Freire, F. D., & B.A. Strapasson (2024). In-hand handgun retention: A crossover RCE comparing two techniques. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 93, 102220–102220. DOI: 10.1016/j.jcrimjus.2024.102220.

Eleuterio-da-Rocha, Neto, J. (2022). Operant And Respondent Conditioning In Police Training For The Use Of Force: Possibility Of An Evidence-Based Return To Traditions. *Revista SUSP*, 1(2), p. 234–251. DOI: 10.56081/2763-9940/revsusp.v1i2.a12.

Eleuterio, J. (2020). Paraná State military and the Brazilian Expeditionary Force: from 1942 to 1951. *Revista Brasileira De História Militar*, 11, 96–112.

Eleuterio, J. (2025). Police Science and Feyerabend's Perspective on Scientific Knowledge. *Journal of Science and Policing [Revista Ciência & Polícia]*, 11(1), 9–21.

Paulo, A.C., Rodacki, A.L., **Eleuterio-da-Rocha, J.**, Sielski Marquardt, T., Caldeira Jr., C., Rezende, E., & Rodacki, C.L. (2025). Strength of Kicks from a Detainee Inside the Restraint Cage of a Police Vehicle. *Journal of Science and Policing [Revista Ciência & Polícia]*, 11(1), 22–35.

SUBMITTED MANUSCRIPTS

*Undergraduate students

Eleuterio-da-Rocha, J. (*submitted in October 2024*). Psychophysiological effects of combat stress: intent and other considerations regarding the legal analysis of police use of force. *Brazilian Journal of Criminal Sciences*.

Eleuterio-da-Rocha, J. (*submitted in June 2025*). The Lawfulness of Officer-Involved Shootings in the Military Police of the State of Paraná (Brazil, 2010–2023): Legal Outcomes and Distribution. *International Journal of Police Science & Management*.

Eleuterio-da-Rocha, J., & Miguel, M.N. (*submitted in July 2025*). Ineffectiveness and Implementation Challenges of a Hot Spots Policing Strategy: Lessons from a Single-Case Experimental Design in Three Neighborhoods in Curitiba, Brazil. *Brazilian Journal of Police Sciences*.

Del Colle, H.A*, & **Eleuterio-da-Rocha, J.** (*submitted in September 2025*). Police officers with supplemental training in muay-thai and Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu performed better in a simulated call.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

*Undergraduate students

Eleuterio-da-Rocha, J., Paula Neto, F.M., & Oliveira, S. *Legal gun ownership and carrying are not associated with homicide rates in Brazil: a Bayesian analysis of state-level longitudinal data.*

Eleuterio-da-Rocha, J., & Strapasson, B.A. *Police Use of Force Training: Integrated Review of the Literature.*

Eleuterio-da-Rocha, J., Mantaindale, M.H., Tanksley, P., Johncox, J. *Comparing Public Perceptions of Police Use-of-Force: the striking vs grappling study.*

Eleuterio-da-Rocha, J., Martaindale, M.H., & Blair, J.P. *What Should Officers Be Trained For? A Mixed-Methods Investigation into the Situational Demands of Police Use of Force.*

Eleuterio-da-Rocha, J., Rossouw, Z., Motta, E., & Marquetti-Soares, L.F. *What Should Officers Be Trained For? A replication study in Brazil.*

Eleuterio-da-Rocha, J., Strapasson, B.A., Millani, V.*, Silveira, L., Miguel, M.N. & O'Neill, J. *This Is Not a Case-Study, Dammit!—Not a Pilot, Either! Using Single-Case Experimental Designs in Street-Level Police Research.*

BOOK CHAPTERS

Eleuterio, J. (2025). Experimentos Em Populações Policiais Com Foco Na Execução E No Treinamento De Atividades Relativas Ao Policiamento Ostensivo: Uma Análise Dos Métodos Utilizados [Experiments Involving Police Populations Focused on Patrol Activities: An Examination of Research Methods]. In Ramiro Jr., L. (Ed.). *Ciência, Polícia e Inovação: 1º*

TEXTBOOKS

Eleuterio, J. (2020). *Si vis pacem: tópicos sobre combate e treinamento policial* [topics on combat and police training]. Campinas: Primeira Edição.

Eleuterio, J. (2020). *Brio e Vocação: expedicionários na Polícia Militar do Paraná (e curiosidades do período de 1942 a 1956)* [Bravery and Vocation: Expeditionary Soldiers in the Military Police of the State of Paraná (and Fun Facts from the Period of 1942 to 1956)]. Campinas: Primeira Edição.

CONFERENCES

Eleuterio-da-Rocha, J., Strapasson, B.A., Millani, V.*, Silveira, L., & O'Neill, J. (2025, May). A Methodological Innovation To Enhance Police Research on Street-Level Issues: A Case for Single-Case Experimental Designs Based on Five Experiments. *9th Annual American Society of Evidence-Based Policing Hybrid Conference*, Tucson, USA.

Eleuterio-da-Rocha, J., & Strapasson, B.A. (2023, May). Handgun retention techniques: measuring efficacy. *7th Annual American Society of Evidence-Based Policing Hybrid Conference*, Las Vegas, USA.

Eleuterio-da-Rocha, J. (2025, October). Principles of police training. *2nd International Forum of Police Sciences*, Brazil.

Eleuterio, J. (2024, March). Defining objectives for police training. *1st International Forum of Police Sciences*, Brazil.

Eleuterio-da-Rocha, J., & Strapasson, B.A. (2021, June). A New Interpretation About the Termination of Skinner's Project Pigeon. *53rd Annual Meeting of Cheiron, the International*

Eleuterio-da-Rocha, J., Marquardt, T., Rodacki, A.L., Caldeira, Jr., C., Resende, E., Rodacki, C.L., & Paulo, A.C. (2021, November). Establishing Parameters For Manufacturing Wear-Resistant Restraint Cages For Police Cruisers. *1st International Seminar of Editors and Researchers on Public Safety*, Brasília, Brazil. <https://dspace.mj.gov.br/handle/1/7999>.

REPORTS

Pirog, F., & **Eleuterio-da-Rocha, J.** (Eds.). (2023). *Police Arrest and Self-Defense Manual [Manual de Defesa Policial]*. Policia Militar do Paraná.

AD-HOC REVIEWS

Policing – An International Journal Of Police Strategies & Management; Police Practice and Research; Acta Comportamentalia – Revista Latina de Análisis del Comportamiento; Revista Interação em Psicologia (Brazil); Revista do Instituto Brasileiro de Segurança Pública (Brazil).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Texas State University 2024–2025
Teaching Assistant | ALERRT Center / School of Criminal Justice and Criminology
Course: Active Shooter Response Experiential Learning

Universidade Federal de Uberlândia (Brazil) 2025
Lecturer | Public Policy and Evidence Research Group
Courses: Introduction to Quantitative Methods and Statistics Applied to Public Safety (online, synchronous)

Universidade Cândido Mendes (Brazil) 2025
Lecturer | UNIPOL (University of Policing)
Courses: Principles of Police Training; & Combat & Police Training (online, asynchronous)

Polícia Militar do Paraná 2012 – 2024
Instructor Officer for Basic and In-Service Training | Directorate of Education and Research
Courses: Criminal Analysis; Stop, Question, and Frisk Techniques; Arrest and Self-Defense

Skills; Tactical driving; Basic firearms training (pistol).

Universidade Tecnológica Federal do Paraná (Brazil) 2024
Lecturer| TFESP Extension Project
Course: Self-Defense and Use of Force for Law Enforcement Officers

Universidade Federal do Paraná (Brazil) 2022
Teaching Trainee (Graduate Teaching Assistant)| Department of Psychology
Course: HP331 Behavior Analysis 1

SUPERVISED WORKS

Millani, V.N. (2023). *Uso do cinto de segurança na atividade policial militar: aspectos táticos [Seatbelt use on policing: tactical aspects]*. [Bachelor's Thesis – Paraná State University / Guatupê Military Police Academy (Brazil)]. Pergamum.
<https://biblioteca.unespar.edu.br/acervo/207764>.

Ziel-Beltrão, R. (2023). *Influência do lapso temporal de treinamento sobre as técnicas de algemamento [Influence of the time lapse since training on handcuffing techniques]*. [Bachelor's Thesis – Paraná State University / Guatupê Military Police Academy (Brazil)]. Pergamum. <https://biblioteca.unespar.edu.br/acervo/207767>.

Del Colle, H.A. (2024). *Análise Do Desempenho Dos Cadetes, Com E Sem Experiência Em Artes Marciais, Em Ocorrências Simuladas [Performance Analysis of Police Cadets, With and Without Martial Arts Experience, in Simulated Incidents]*. [Bachelor's Thesis – Paraná State University / Guatupê Military Police Academy (Brazil)]. Pergamum.
<https://biblioteca.unespar.edu.br/acervo/212439>.

HONORS, AWARDS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Doctoral Assistantship, ALERRT Center, Texas State University 2025

The Graduate College Scholarship - Applied Arts, Graduate College, Texas State University 2025

Texas State Graduate Merit Scholarship, The Graduate College, Texas State University 2024

Doctoral Assistantship, School of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Texas State University 2024

Honorable Mention in the XI Seminar of Extension and Innovation, Universidade Tecnológica Federal do Paraná (Brazil)	2021
Commendation from the Legislative Assembly of the State of Paraná for distinguished police services	2014
Commendation from the Legislative Assembly of the State of Paraná for distinguished police services	2018
Unit Medals for relevant police services:	
- Directorate of Personnel	
- 12th Police Battalion	
- 20th Police Battalion	

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

35th Crisis Negotiation Competition & Seminar <i>Texas State University</i>	2025
Volunteer Coach (Brazilian Jiu-jitsu) for youth <i>The Kalahari Project (NGO, Brazil)</i>	2016-2017

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

CITI Training – Human Research, Human Subject Protection Training (Basic Course)	2024
Applied Bayesian Statistics for Social Scientists (ICPSR)	2025
Ecological Dynamics Coaching Clinic (ALERRT Center)	2025
<u>Police Management</u>	
Community Policing Training Course (Military Police of the State of Paraná, Brazil)	2021
Community Policing Instructors Course (Ministry of Justice, Brazil)	2013
<u>Tactical Skills</u>	
Level 1 Response to Active Shooter Events – Train-the-trainer (ALERRT Center)	2025
Active Attack Integrated Response (ALERRT Center)	2025
Solo Officer Rapid Deployment (ALERRT Center)	2025
Leveling for Weapons and Shooting Instructors (Military Police of the State of Paraná, Brazil)	2024, 2023
Submission and Control Tactics (Military Police of the State of Mato Grosso, Brazil)	2022
CEW and OC Spray Operation – Train the Trainer (MP of the State of Paraná, Brazil)	2021, 2016
Tactical Driving, CATI (Brazil)	2014
Tactical First Aid Course, Persys Medical Training Center (USA)	2014
CATI Training Program (USA): Breaching; Active Shooter Response; Low Light Tactics; Rifle Marksmanship; CQB; Airplane Assault	2014

V.I.P. Security Training, Ministry of Justice (Brazil)	2013
Tactical Progression in <i>Favelas</i> , CATI (Brazil)	2013
Explosive Breaching, TEES Brazil School	2012
Tactical Driving, TEES Brazil School	2011
Anti-Bomb Operations and Post-Explosion Investigation, TEES Brazil School	2011
Class 3 Blaster Certification, Geominas (Brazil)	2011
Reserve Officers Training Course – Field Artillery (Brazilian Army)	2007

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP

American Society of Evidence-Based Policing
International Association of Chiefs of Police
Instituto Arrecife (Brazil) – collaborating researcher