



**SCOUTING AND OPERATIONAL PLANNING**  
**COURSE OVERVIEW AND INSTRUCTIONAL GOALS**

**COURSE LENGTH:** 16 Hours (2 Days)

**COURSE OVERVIEW:** This course is a comprehensive course which covers everything you will need to know to scout, plan, and brief the service of a search warrant. Classroom instruction on scouting principles and techniques, operations orders, and briefing the warrant will be provided. Students will also participate in several practical exercises that use a team and building block approach, culminating with a full target scout, execution plan, and warrant brief. This course will cover everything you need to know to effectively scout and plan warrants, whether patrol level or a high-risk SWAT service.

**INSTRUCTIONAL GOALS:** Upon completion of this course the attendee will be familiar with:

1. Scouting Methods
2. Identifying Breach Points and Hazards
3. Contingency Planning
4. SMEAC Operations Order Format
5. Site Identification
6. Hasty Planning
7. Briefing Formats & Resources
8. Warrant Service Methods
9. Practical Exercises

**AGENDA:**

Day One

0800-0830	Course administration
0830-0930	Scouting overview
0930-1130	Information to Obtain Regarding Structures
1130-1230	Lunch (not provided)
1230-1330	COCOA
1330-1530	Scouting Exercise #1
1530-1700	Tactical Diagramming & Site ID

Day Two

0800-1000	Scouting Exercise #2
1000-1130	Operational Planning
1130-1200	SMEAC
1200-1700	Final Scouting Exercise & Working Lunch (not provided)

**COURSE OUTLINE:**

- I. Course Administration
  - a. Course overview
  - b. Learning objectives
  - c. Agenda
  - d. Housekeeping
- II. Scouting



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- a. Defined
  - b. Intelligence sources
  - c. The scout
  - d. Scouting equipment
  - e. Priorities
  - f. Methods
  - g. Determinations
- III. Structures & Areas
- a. Types
  - b. Residences
  - c. Roofs
  - d. Useless features
  - e. Vents
  - f. Doors
  - g. Windows
  - h. Lighting & Hazards
- IV. C.O.C.O.A.
- a. Critical Terrain
  - b. Observation & Fields of Fire
  - c. Cover & Concealment
  - d. Obstacles
  - e. Avenues of Approach and Escape
  - f. Scouting Exercise #1
- V. Tactical Diagramming
- a. Area map
  - b. Property map
  - c. Interior diagram
  - d. Site Identification & Reporting
    - i. Side
    - ii. Level
    - iii. Opening
  - e. Scouting exercise #2
- VI. Operational Planning
- a. Safety priorities
  - b. Rescue teams & buy-bust ops
  - c. Search warrant service phases
  - d. Warrant service options
- VII. SMEAC Operations Orders
- a. Situation
  - b. Mission
  - c. Execution
  - d. Administration & Logistics
  - e. Control & Communication
  - f. Final scouting exercise



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**CO-HOST LOGISTICAL REQUIREMENTS:**

**Classroom**

- Adequate seating for the number of students attending, with tables.
- Whiteboard with markers
- Flip chart with paper

**Audio Visual**

- Projector for computer presentation
- Large projection screen (minimum of 6' X 6')
- Speaker system to connect to laptop for audio (or ability to plug in a thumb drive to an existing system).
- Extension cord and power strip

**Other**

- Access to copier

**STUDENT EQUIPMENT LIST:**

- LE identification
- This course is classroom based.
- Laptop computer is helpful but not required (thumb drives will be handed out to students containing the course materials) for the instructor presentations, however, highly recommended for the student planning and briefing.
- Attire suitable for conducting scouting missions