



SWAT BASIC

COURSE OVERVIEW AND INSTRUCTIONAL GOALS

COURSE LENGTH: 40+ Hours (5 Days)

COURSE OVERVIEW: This course will combine classroom instruction with practical exercises. All the basic skills needed by new SWAT officers will be covered in this course.

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

1. Less Lethal force philosophy
2. Breaching
3. Scouting
4. Team and individual movement
5. High risk warrant service
6. Barricaded suspects
7. CQB and room clearing (covert, slow & methodical and dynamic movement)
8. Arrest team tactics
9. Rescues
10. Immediate action drills
11. Incident debriefs
12. Practical Exercises

AGENDA:

Day One

0800-0900	Welcome & Intros/Course Overview, Goals, & Expectations/Weapon Safety
0900-1030	Breaching
1030-1200	LL Force Philosophy
1200-1300	Lunch (not provided)
1300-1330	Protective Masks & Mask-Up Drills
1330-1430	Terrain Analysis, Perimeters, & Approaches
1430-1500	IAD's
1500-1700	FX – IAD's/Breaching
1700-1830	CA Exposure

Day Two

0800-1000	High Risk Search Warrants
1000-1200	Scouting, Site ID, Tactical Diagramming, SMEAC
1200-1500	Scouting & Raid Planning Exercise (working lunch)
1500-1700	Scout Briefings
1700-1800	SW briefings / Tactics Example
1800-1900	Barricaded Suspect
1900	SW Mission Frag / Close



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Day Three

0800-1100	CQB Principles & Interior Movement (Classroom)
1100-1230	Movement to Training Location / Lunch (not provided)
1230-1430	Slow & Methodical Searching
1430-1600	Mirror Work / Technology
1600-1900	Dynamic Clearing

Day Four

0800-0900	Arrest team tactics (Classroom)
0900-1100	Arrest team tactics (Practical)
1100-1230	Lunch (not provided)
1230-1330	Vehicle rescues / ARV rescues / Shield rescues
1330-1430	Rotate stations
1430-1530	Rotate stations
1530-1630	Barricaded Suspect Incident Debrief
1630-1730	Barricaded Suspect Table Top
1700-Close	Barricaded Suspect Scenario

Day Five

0800-0900	Written test
0900-1200	SW Scenarios
1200-1300	Dynamic Clearing
1300	Dismissal

COURSE OUTLINE:

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

- II. Breaching Techniques
 - a. 7 breaching categories
 - b. Primary methods for patrol
 - c. Practical application
 - i. Battering Ram
 - ii. Halligan Tool

- III. Less Lethal Force Philosophy
 - a. Life/Safety Priorities
 - b. Systems
 - c. Tactics & past problems in decision making
 - d. Reporting & documentation



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- e. Case Law

- IV. Protective Masks and Mask-Up Drills
 - a. History
 - b. Purpose
 - c. Types
 - d. Filters
 - e. Care and maintenance
 - f. 1-minute mask-up drill

- V. Terrain Analysis, Perimeters & Approaches (TAPA)
 - a. COCOA
 - b. Tactical movement considerations
 - c. Movement formations

- VI. Immediate Action Drills
 - a. Shots fired on approach
 - b. Officer down
 - i. Carry techniques
 - c. Other immediate action
 - d. Field exercises

- VII. Chemical Agent Exposure
 - a. All attendees will be exposed to CS to ensure their APR is functioning properly

- VIII. High-Risk Search Warrant Service
 - a. Service criteria
 - b. Threat assessments
 - c. Warrant service phases
 - d. Warrant service options
 - e. Role of command & supervision
 - f. Post operation

- IX. Site ID, Scouting, & Tactical Diagramming
 - a. SLO
 - b. Intelligence sources
 - c. Scouting
 - d. Effective tactical diagrams

- X. SMEAC
 - a. Situation
 - b. Mission
 - c. Execution
 - d. Administration & Logistics
 - e. Control & Communication

- XI. Terrain Analysis, Perimeters & Approaches (TAPA)
 - a. COCOA
 - b. Tactical movement considerations
 - c. Movement formations



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- XII. Scouting Exercise and Briefings
 - a. Class will be split into teams and given a target to scout
 - b. Once the scout is complete, they will brief the class

- XIII. Barricaded Suspects
 - a. Definition
 - b. Response
 - c. Commonalities of barricaded situations
 - d. Priorities
 - e. Tactical decision making
 - f. CNT role
 - g. Options prior to entry / resolution strategies
 - h. Vehicle barricades
 - i. Decision making

- XIV. CQB Principles and Interior Movement
 - a. Safety procedures
 - b. MTT
 - c. Principle based CQB
 - d. Dynamic movement
 - e. Principles
 - f. Hallways & doors
 - g. Room clearing
 - h. Verbiage
 - i. Suspect apprehension
 - j. Practical exercises
 - i. Slow & methodical
 - ii. Dynamic movement

- XV. Arrest Team Tactics
 - a. Purpose
 - b. Positions
 - c. Vehicle positioning
 - d. Co-ordinated arrests
 - e. Additional duties
 - f. Team equipment
 - g. Practical exercises
 - i. Arrest Team scenarios
 - ii. IAD scenarios

- XVI. Rescues
 - a. Shield
 - b. Vehicle
 - c. Armored Rescue Vehicle
 - d. Rescue scenarios

- XVII. Barricaded Suspect FTX
 - a. Incident debrief
 - b. Table top exercise
 - c. Barricaded suspect scenario



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XVIII. Search Warrant Scenarios

- a. Multiple high-risk search warrant scenarios will be conducted
- b. Multiple dynamic movement speed entries will be conducted

CO-HOST LOGISTICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Classroom

- Adequate classroom and 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

Field Training Facilities

- Adequate training building or buildings with open area nearby to park vehicles.
- Breaching façade
- Breaching tools (35 lb ram and Halligan Tool at a minimum)
- Scouting locations (number dependent upon the size of the class)
- Building/enclosed room/façade to expose students to chemical agents with close access to water.
- Chemical agents for exposure
- All team equipment
- Armored rescue vehicles and/or patrol vehicles.
- Ballistic shields.

Other

- Access to copier
- Vehicles (marked and unmarked) for scenarios.
- Role player support.

STUDENT EQUIPMENT LIST:

- Laptop computer (a PDF will be provided to attendees prior to class start – **no printed course manual is handed out, all course documents are on provided thumb drive.**)
- Note taking material.
- All individually assigned tactical gear.
- Helmet, ballistic protection (heavy vest or plate carrier), tactical uniform(s), rifle, pistol, radio and com gear, eye and ear protection, and gas mask (gas mask is required).
- Rifle and pistol with chamber flags if issued.