



HIGH-RISK WARRANT SERVICE COURSE OVERVIEW AND INSTRUCTIONAL GOALS

COURSE LENGTH: 24 Hours (3 Days)
4 Hours Classroom
20 Hours Practical

COURSE OVERVIEW

This comprehensive course will train SWAT personnel in the elements of a high-risk warrant service. Concepts involving warrant planning; intelligence gathering; target site scouting; uses of diversion and breaching; and methods of executing the warrant inclusive of dynamic entry, breach and hold, limited penetration, and contain and call out will be taught in this hands-on, challenging course.

INSTRUCTIONAL GOALS

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

1. Planning a High-Risk Warrant Service
2. Applying Different Methods of Warrant Execution
3. Various Entry and Clearing Techniques
4. Officer Down Drills
5. Re-Clearing the Structure



HIGH-RISK WARRANT SERVICE DAY TO DAY / HOUR TO HOUR AGENDA

DAY ONE

Hours:	Instruction:
0800-0830	Course Administration
0830-0900	Safety Awareness
0900-1000	Warrant vs. Barricade Situation Comparison
1000-1030	Criteria for Requesting SWAT for High-Risk Warrants
1030-1100	Knock and Announce and Time of Service Considerations
1100-1130	Scouting Missions
1130-1230	Development of Tactical Plan
1230-1300	Deployment and Execution of Warrant
1300-1400	Lunch (not provided)
1400-1700	Interior Team Movement Practical

DAY TWO

Hours:	Instruction:
0800-0900	Deployment of Containment Personnel
0900-1000	Points of Entry and Breaching Consideration
1000-1200	Interior Team Movement Practical
1200-1300	Lunch (not provided)
1300-1400	Officer Down Practical
1400-1700	Interior Team Movement with Secondary Room Clear Practical

DAY THREE

Hours:	Instruction:
0800-0830	Safety Briefing
0830-0900	Training Exercise Scenario Briefing
0900-1500	High-Risk Warrant Service Field Training Exercise
1500-1600	Debrief of Exercise
1600-1700	Course Close-out and Cleanup



HIGH-RISK WARRANT SERVICE

COURSE OUTLINE

- I. Introduction
 - A. Course Overview
 - B. Instructional Goals
 - C. Agenda
 - D. Outline
 - E. Co-Host Logistics

- II. Safety Briefing
 - A. Firearm and Exercise Safety

- III. Warrant Service Overview
 - A. Advantages of using SWAT
 - 1. Officer Safety
 - 2. Suspect Safety
 - 3. Citizen Safety

- IV. Types of Warrants
 - A. Search
 - 1. Methods of Execution
 - B. Arrest
 - 1. Methods of Execution
 - C. Search / Arrest Warrant Planning Phases
 - 1. Planning
 - 2. Briefing
 - 3. Execution
 - a) Contain and Call-Out, Breach and Hold
 - b) Limited Penetration or Entry
 - 4. Debrief
 - D. Criteria for Requesting SWAT
 - 1. NTOA Sample Policy Review
 - 2. Initiating Request
 - 3. Information Requirements
 - 4. SWAT Warrant Information Sheet
 - E. Responsibilities
 - 1. Investigators
 - 2. SWAT

- V. Warrant Service Planning
 - A. Intelligence
 - 1. Preplanning
 - 2. Scouting
 - 3. Exterior Intelligence



4. Interior Intelligence
5. Suspect Intelligence

B. Tactical Plan Preparation

1. Legal Restrictions
2. Knock and Announce
3. Knock and Announce Case Law
4. Warrant Parameters
5. Time of Warrant Service
6. Manpower and Logistics
7. Time and Location of Briefings

C. Tactical Plan Elements

1. Execution Time
2. Vehicle Line-Up and Holding Area
3. Equipment Check
4. Last Minute Surveillance
5. Patrol Containment, Other Units
6. Diversion Teams
7. Approach and Entry Points
8. Entry Team Flexibility
9. Arrest teams, TEMS
10. Re-Clear

D. Contingency Plans

1. Team Fired Upon Moving to Target Site
2. Secondary Entry Point
3. Fired Upon During Entry
4. Down Officer
5. Assume A Defensible Position
6. Suspects Runs from Target Site
7. Dogs and Other Animals
8. Other Considerations (i.e. Counter Surveillance)

E. Review of Operational Plan

1. Operational Planning Format

VI. Warrant Service Movement

A. Rehearsal

1. Assembly of Personnel
2. Vehicles
3. Breaching
4. Entry and Clearing

B. Briefing

1. Vehicle Line-Up
2. Holding Area
3. Patrol Locations
4. Perimeter Positions
5. SWAT Team Staging Area



6. Command Post Locations
7. Staging Area for Investigators
8. Knock and Announce
9. Breaching Personnel
10. Diversion Personnel
11. Entry Team
12. Securing Location
13. Contingency Plans
14. Weapons and Equipment Check
15. Review Suspect Photos
16. Review Target Site Photos or Video
17. Suspect Weapons
18. Positions of Personnel On Map

C. Deployment

1. Holding Area
2. Vehicle Line-Up
3. Non-SWAT Personnel
4. Last Minute Drive-By
5. Final Equipment Check

D. Execution of Warrant

1. Route of Approach
2. Containment Positions
3. Announcement
4. Breach
5. Entry
6. Custody and Control
7. Re-Clear
8. Situation Report to Command Post
9. Investigators Called In

E. Post Operation Activities

1. Case Investigator Information
2. Property Damage Assessment
3. Equipment Inventory
4. Shots Fired Assessment
5. Diagrams for Critique
6. Debrief

F. Other Considerations

1. Officer Involved Shooting
2. Suspect Arrest and Control
3. Other Occupants
4. Diversion Teams, Break and Rake
5. Interior Door Breaching
6. Second Complete Search of Target Site



VII. High-Risk Warrant Service Movement Practical Training

- A. Covert Movement Skills Concentrating on Covering Areas of Threat by Use of Angles
- B. Entry and Clearing Techniques Which are Identical to Those Outlined in the Covert Movement Practical Training
- C. Students are Gradually Required to Increase the Speed of Execution Until They Are Clearing the Site at a Realistic Pace
- D. Officer Safety Is Paramount
- E. Man-Down Drills
- F. Breaching and Exterior Team Movement / Approach to Entry Point Drills
- G. Planning and Execution of a High-Risk Warrant

VIII. Warrant Service Field Training Exercise

- A. Field Training Exercise
 - 1. Safety Briefing and Live Ammo Equipment Check
 - 2. Student Equipment Check
 - 3. Movement from Holding Area to Target Site
 - 4. Movement from Vehicle to Entry Site
 - 5. Exterior Breaching
 - 6. Movement Through Entry Point
 - 7. Room Clearing Techniques and Tactics
 - 8. Suspect Control
 - 9. Interior Breaching
 - 10. Contingencies
 - 11. Officer Down
 - 12. Shots Fired
 - 13. Unexpected Occupants
 - 14. Debriefing



HIGH-RISK WARRANT SERVICE CO-HOST LOGISTIC REQUIREMENTS

CLASSROOM

Adequate seating for up to 34 students with tables, good ventilation
Marker board and markers
Flip chart with paper

AUDIO VISUAL

LCD Projector for computer presentation
Large projection screen (minimum of 6'x6' screen size)
Speaker system to connect to laptop for audio
Extension cord and power strip
AV table or cart

OTHER

Access to copier
Ballistic Shield
Ram
Haligan Tool
Minimum of 3 houses or large (3 bedroom) apartments for individual and team movement



HIGH-RISK WARRANT SERVICE STUDENT EQUIPMENT LIST

INDIVIDUAL

- Law Enforcement ID
- SWAT uniform
- Boots
- Rain gear
- Body armor / entry vest
- Chemical agent mask
- Load bearing vest (optional)
- Ballistic helmet (PASGT type)
- Goggles / eye protection
- Primary entry weapon (SMG, Shotgun)
- Secondary weapon (Pistol)
- Light mount for weapons (highly recommended)
- Training weapon
- 50) 9mm marking rounds