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
1130-1200 Development of Tactical Plan
1200-1230 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
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
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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