



TACTICAL SCOUTING

COURSE OVERVIEW AND INSTRUCTIONAL GOALS

COURSE LENGTH: 8 Hours (1 Days)

COURSE OVERVIEW

Tactical diagramming is a technique used to determine floor plans by using outside architectural features such as doors, windows, vents, ducts and even the shape of the building itself. Using simple concepts like working from large to small and confidence to ambiguity, students gain knowledge, skills and abilities on how to identify architectural features that provide reliable clues to the locations of interior walls, the types and sizes of rooms and even the location of appliances and wall switches. The course begins with a broad overview on terrain analysis with a focus on urban terrain and the contribution of a reliable floor plan for planning and decision-making. It continues with an explanation of building principles, which heavily influence how residences are constructed. The course will also identify how to diagram houses that have additions or been remodeled, have upper-stories and even structures with multiple-dwellings. The course completes the formal instruction with methods for obtaining reliable intelligence, especially photographs, to enhance the detection of subtle architectural features. The final period is focused on a practical application where students work with each other and instructors on either a class project or using their own photographs, of an actual target location.

INSTRUCTIONAL GOALS

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

1. Tactical diagramming concepts
2. How to read and understand terrain
3. Basic building principles to include materials, design and use
4. How to gather and use scouting intelligence effectively



TACTICAL SCOUTING

DAY TO DAY / HOUR TO HOUR AGENDA

DAY ONE

Hours:

0800-0815

0815-0900

0900-1000

1000-1100

1100-1200

1200-1300

1300-1400

1400-1600

1600-1700

Instruction:

Course Administration

Why It Works: Intro to Tactical Diagramming

Terrain Analysis

Understanding Urban Terrain

Building Principles

Lunch

Rooms, Roofs, Vents, Windows and Doors

Extra Rooms, Extra Stories and Extra Dwellings

Gathering Intelligence



TACTICAL SCOUTING 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



TACTICAL SCOUTING STUDENT EQUIPMENT LIST

INDIVIDUAL

Law Enforcement ID

This course is conducted entirely in the classroom

Laptop is helpful to the student, but not mandatory

Student Attire:

Day 1: Business casual dress may be worn

Day 2: Full tactical uniform and equipment to include any camouflage normally utilized should be brought