



HOSTAGE RESCUE TACTICS

SCHEDULE

DAY 1

- NTOA Priorities of Safety Model and Critical Thinking for Hostage Rescue
- Law and Liability for Hostage Rescue Situations
- Patrol Response and Transition to Tactical Operations
- Crisis Negotiation Strategies for Hostage Situations
- Individual Movement, Principles, and Tactics
- Element Movement, Principles, and Tactics

DAY 2

- Team Capabilities for Building Comprehensive HR Response Strategy
- Tactical Principles and Doctrine for Hostage Rescue Operations
- Defining the Situation and Crisis Entry for Hostage Rescue Operations.
- Team Movement, Principles and Tactics

DAY 3

- Element Movement and Principles for Hostage Rescue

DAY 4

- Strategy and Planning Deliberate Hostage Rescue Operations
- Element Movement and Applications for Hostage Rescue
- Team Movement and Applications for Hostage Rescue

DAY 5

- Deliberate Hostage Rescue Scenarios

40 HOURS OF TRAINING OVER 5 DAYS

This course is designed to train personnel assigned to SWAT teams with specific skills related to hostage rescue operations. It includes instruction on entry tactics and principles relevant to hostage rescue, patrol rapid deployment in crisis situations, emergency entry methods, procedures for tactical operations centers, and span of control during hostage rescue missions. The curriculum also provides an overview of crisis negotiation techniques and focuses on evaluating the tactical environment to select the most appropriate course of action. Legal aspects concerning use of force in hostage rescue scenarios are covered, including sniper-initiated rescues, challenges in structure rescues, and vehicle rescue operations. Furthermore, the course emphasizes the manpower-intensive demands of deliberate hostage rescue missions and aims to enhance understanding of both individual and team strengths and limitations.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Critical thinking and tactical decision-making during hostage rescue operations
- Priorities of work in the first 30 minutes of a critical incident
- Patrol response requirements and transition to SWAT during hostage rescue operations
- Law and liability considerations of hostage rescue operations
- Crisis-negotiation strategies during hostage-rescue incidents
- Force options based on suspect/subject levels of resistance
- Methods for developing a comprehensive hostage rescue strategy
- Tactical principles and doctrine for hostage rescue operations
- Strategy and planning essentials for developing a comprehensive, deliberate rescue plan
- Defining the situation and the necessity for crisis interventions
- Technology options during response
- Post-operation procedures after a hostage rescue operation.
- Individual, element, and team rescue movements and tactics.