



BASIC SWAT

Who should attend: Officers newly assigned or anticipated to be assigned to a tactical team. This course meets NTOA TROS (Tier 1-4) and satisfies the 40-hour best-practices recommendation for new team members.

SCHEDULE

DAY 1

- Priorities of Safety Model: Operator's Cornerstone for Critical Thinking
- Understanding SWAT Organizational Structure and Tier Selection
- SWAT Operator Safety and Equipment
- Use of Force During SWAT Operations
- Individual Movement and Ergonomics for Operators

DAY 2

- SWAT Operator Mindset and the OODA Loop
- Three-Dimensional Tactical Environment
- SWAT Principles of Shooting and Adverse Light Environments
- SWAT Team Breaching Operations
- Individual and Element Practical Scenarios (Applications and Principles)

DAY 3

- Operator First Aid and Tactical Emergency Medical Support Integration
- Perimeter Operations, Tactical Diagramming and Operational Planning
- SWAT Team Culture, Mission and Public Perception
- Element and Team Movement Scenarios (Applications and Principles)

DAY 4

- Element and Team Movement Scenarios (Applications and Principles)

DAY 5

- Warrant Service Simulation Planning and Execution Scenarios
- Final Course Exam

40 HOURS OF TRAINING OVER 5 DAYS

This course offers a thorough introduction to tactical principles and their practical application. Participants will learn essential SWAT concepts, tactics, and techniques, including team organization and structure; the legal responsibilities of SWAT operators; movement tactics at the individual, element, and team levels; subject control and arrest procedures; and warrant service planning. The program features numerous practical training exercises aimed at developing foundational skills to enhance proficiency and competence in assigned roles. Students will be encouraged to employ critical thinking to address tactical challenges, combining legal knowledge, best practices, and ethical considerations within the safety priorities as a decision-making framework.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Priorities of safety and applying during critical thinking
- SWAT organizational structure and team tier selection
- Recommended safety equipment and standards for safety equipment
- Use of force, liability, and applying force options consistent with established case law
- The importance of the proper operator mindset, Boyd's OODA Loop and applying to critical thinking during tactical operations
- The three-dimensional nature of tactical environments and proper team movement
- Concepts related to operating and making decisions in adverse light conditions
- Basic breaching applications
- Operator first aid, TEMS, and the benefits to operators
- Perimeter operations, basic tactical diagramming and operational planning concepts
- Team culture and the impact on team performance and legitimacy in our community