



HOSTAGE RESCUE TRAINING

COURSE OVERVIEW AND INSTRUCTIONAL GOALS

COURSE LENGTH: 40 Hours (5 Days) (5th Day is Optional)
4 Hours Classroom
36 Hours Practical

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course offers training for SWAT team members with prior basic SWAT training and will address advanced tactics and techniques. Students will be introduced to and trained in the crucial aspects of hostage rescue operations. Topics include hostage rescue concepts, rapid deployment, emergency entry tactics, tactical operations center, and crisis negotiations concepts. Hostage rescue techniques and force options will be covered in-depth including stronghold, vehicle, and tactical precision long rifle options. The students will complete multiple fast-paced field training exercises that will improve and enhance tactical skills.

INSTRUCTIONAL GOALS

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

1. Procedures for resolution of a hostage situation
2. Tactical operations center concepts
3. Crisis negotiations concepts
4. Hostage rescue techniques and options



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DAY TO DAY / HOUR TO HOUR AGENDA

DAY ONE

Hours:	Instruction:
0800-0830	Course Administration, Safety Awareness (Classroom)
0830-1200	HRT Concepts, Operator Deployment, Emergency Rescue Concepts (Classroom)
1200-1300	Lunch (not provided)
1300-1700	Emergency Rescue Entry & Operator Deployment Techniques (Practical Drills)

DAY TWO

Hours:	Instruction:
0800-1200	Compressed Scenarios with Emergency Rescue Entry (Practical Drills)
1200-1300	Lunch (not provided)
1300-1700	Deliberate Rescue Techniques (Practical Drills)

DAY THREE

Hours:	Instruction:
0800-1200	Hostage Rescue Tactics Involving Vehicles / Buses (Practical Drills)
1200-1300	Lunch (not provided)
1300-1700	Firearms Range (Practical Drills)

DAY FOUR

Hours:	Instruction:
0800-1200	Stealth Movement, Transition from HR to Barricade, Operating in a Gas Environment (Practical Drills)
1200-1300	Lunch (not provided)
1300-1700	HRT Team Movement Utilizing Simunitons® (Practical Drills) / Debriefs

DAY FIVE

OPTIONAL DAY

Hours:	Instruction:
0800-1200	Compressed Scenarios Utilizing Simunitons® & Role Players (Practical Drills)
1200-1300	Lunch (not provided)
1300-1700	Scripted HRT Scenarios Utilizing Simunitons® & Role Players (Practical Drills) / Debriefs



HOSTAGE RESCUE TRAINING COURSE OUTLINE

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

- II. HRT Concepts
 - A. Types of Hostage Incidents
 - i. Conventional Criminal vs. Terrorist
 - ii. Suicidal
 - B. Possible Actions of Hostage Takers
 - C. Law Enforcement Response to Hostage Incidents
 - i. Patrol
 - ii. Incident Command
 - iii. SWAT Commander
 - iv. Use of Force
 - D. Crisis Negotiations Basic Concepts
 - i. CNT Objectives
 - ii. How Long to Negotiate
 - iii. Measuring Progress

- III. Hostage Rescue Tactics
 - A. Phases of a Planned and Deliberate Hostage Rescue
 - i. Planning
 - ii. Rehearsal
 - iii. Movement
 - iv. Intervention
 - v. Withdrawal

 - B. Deployment Procedures
 - i. Approaches
 - ii. Weapons Choices
 - iii. Equipment
 - iv. Elements of Rescues
 - v. Assignments of Personnel
 - vi. Roles of Personnel



HOSTAGE RESCUE TRAINING 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
- Training weapons and 9mm marking rounds
- 2 or 3 role players for day 5 (if applicable) of training (Each should wear long sleeve shirts and pants)
- Ballistic shield
- Ram
- Halligan tool
- Chemical agent house if diversionary devices are available
- Emergency Medical Support nearby

MOVEMENT AREAS

- One (1) commercial building with multiple floors and rooms
- Three (3) to (Four) 4 vacant houses / apartments / commercial buildings. Each location having multiple rooms and floors for clearing purposes.
- If diversionary devices are available, these movement areas will need to support their use



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STUDENT EQUIPMENT LIST

INDIVIDUAL

Law Enforcement ID
Successful completion of Basic SWAT course or equivalent
Ballistic helmet (PASGT type)
Body armor / Entry vest
Boots
Chemical agent mask
Goggles / eye protection
Groin and neck protection
Gloves
Primary entry weapon (SMG, Shotgun)
Secondary weapon (Pistol)
100) Rounds rifle ammunition
100) Rounds handgun ammunition
Rain gear
SWAT uniform
Training weapon
100) Marking rounds for training weapon

Optional Equipment Recommended

Flashlight and 20' piece of 1" tubular nylon
Light mount for weapons **Highly Recommended**
Load bearing vest
Mirrors for searching
Rubber doorstops