

Active Shooter Response (Tactical Teams)

Course description, eligibility, equipment needs & schedule below.



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? This Course is OPOTA-Approved for 2025: Use of Force 7 hours, Officer Wellness 1 hour, Leadership 8 hours.

All tactics, techniques, or technologies presented at any OTOA advanced training or annual training conference must be implemented in accordance with the United States Constitution, the Ohio Revised Code, and the policies and procedures of the student's employing law enforcement agency.

ELIGIBILITY

- OPOTC-certified peace officers, deputies, and troopers assigned full or part-time to an Ohio law enforcement agency tactical team.
- Tactical medics (TEMS) are also eligible if they are OPOTC certified as Ohio peace officers, assigned to a tactical team, and employed full—or part-time by an Ohio governmental agency.

DESCRIPTION

The OTOA's Active Shooter Response for Tactical Teams 16-hour course equips tactical teams to effectively manage active threat situations, primarily focusing on saving lives. This distinctive program merges evidence-driven principles with hands-on tactics, concentrating on critical decision-making, the lawful use of force, and de-escalation strategies, all while comprehensively addressing human behavior under extreme stress.

Participants will gain insights into the psychological aspects of stress, the Constitutional Use of Force, and collaboration techniques with other officers. This will culminate in practical, reality-based scenarios that solidify the application of these skills for real-world readiness.

STUDENT EQUIPMENT NEEDS

NO LIVE AMMUNITION OR MAGAZINES PERMITTED WITHIN THE TRAINING ENVIRONMENT OR CLASSROOMS

ALL TRAINING RIFLES WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE OTOA FOR SCENARIO-BASED EXERCISES

STUDENTS MUST PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING

ALL EQUIPMENT utilized for a “call out” or SWAT / SRT activation.

- Tactical team or training uniform.
 - Body Armor **MANDATORY**. - Plate carrier and Level II or Level III soft body armor.
 - Ballistic Helmet.
 - Issued Firearms - Pistol & Rifle (used for practice - **NO Mags & NO Ammo**)
 - **NO Tasers, NO Batons, NO OC Spray.**
 - Clear wrap-around eye protection: **Mandatory for force-on-force scenarios.**
 - Gloves – we recommend gloves compatible with weapons manipulation.
 - Ballistic shields - if you use them.
 - Pen and notebook.
 - Water and food - No meals are provided.
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CLASS SCHEDULE

Class starts at 8:00 AM, and the training days are eight hours long.

Day 1:

- 0800 – 0830: Welcome and Overview
- 0830 – 1100: Active Threat Response Presentation
- 1100 – 1200: Safety and Weapons Handling
- 1200 – 1300: Lunch
- 1300 – 1500: Single Officer Tactics
- 1500 – 1630: Officer Subject Encounters
- 1630 – 1700: Debrief and Critique

Day 2:

- 0800 – 0830: Safety Briefing and Weapons Handling
 - 0830 – 1200: Two Officer Tactics
 - 1200 – 1300: Lunch
 - 1300 – 1500: Multi-Officer Response Tactics
 - 1500 – 1630: Open Space Engagement Tactics
 - 1630 – 1700: Debrief and Critique
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STUDENT GOALS

- Comprehend trends in active threat incidents.
 - Grasp the “active dying” concept and the urgency of immediate response.
 - Understand the Constitutional Use of Deadly Force and strategies for de-escalation.
 - Learn to coordinate with uniformed and plainclothes officers, avoiding friendly fire incidents.
 - Collaborate with security professionals and armed civilians.
 - Practice safe gun handling and mission-driven tactical responses.
 - Achieve proficiency in OTOA's mission-driven tactics.
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LODGING, TRAVEL & MEALS

The course cost does not include lodging, transportation, and food.

- Attendees are responsible for their lodging, transportation, and food.
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Schedule this FREE training for your agency or select from the available dates below.

Don't see a date that works for you or the agency?

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