

# Active Threat Response - User Course

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### OTOA Active Threat Response - User Course Overview

The OTOA Active Threat Response - User Course is tailored for front-line officers, providing them with crucial principles and tactics for effectively handling active threat situations. This course uniquely combines classroom instruction on evidence-driven principles with hands-on, skill-based tactical training. Officers are prepared for real-life scenarios, focusing on saving lives and making critical decisions under pressure.

#### Unique Training Approach

This course stands out by integrating evidence-driven, classroom-based principles with practical, skill-based tactics. Key areas of focus include critical incident decision-making, the legal use of force, and de-escalation strategies. The curriculum is designed to equip officers with the skills necessary to respond effectively to active threats, enhancing their ability to protect and save lives.

#### Real-World Application

The training culminates in safe, reality-based scenarios that emphasize de-escalation tactics. These practical exercises allow students to demonstrate their proficiency and readiness for real-life challenges, ensuring they can apply their learned skills effectively in active threat situations.

#### Course Goals

- Grasp current trends in active threat incidents.
- Comprehend response principles to active threats and the importance of prioritizing life.
- Understand constitutional requirements for the use of deadly force and de-escalation strategies.
- Learn coordination tactics with uniformed and plain-clothes officers to prevent friendly fire.
- Collaborate effectively with security professionals and armed civilians.
- Master and demonstrate proficiency in two mission-driven tactics for active threat response.

#### Detailed Class Schedule

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

**Day 1**

- Introduction to Active Threat Response
- Safety checks and weapons handling
- Focused training on single-officer tactics and principles
- Specialized drills for dealing with hostiles and non-hostiles, including de-escalation strategies
- Practical exercises and debriefing

## Day 2

- Review and safety checks
- Advanced two-officer tactics and principles
- Vectoring drills and open space tactics
- Retake initiative tactics and practical application drills
- Comprehensive debrief and course wrap-up

## Lodging, Travel, and Food

Please note that the course fee does not cover lodging, transportation, or meals. Attendees are responsible for arranging their accommodations and meals during the course.

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