

**Training Name:** Sniper Low-Light Considerations

**Dates:** 11/21/2024 - 11/21/2024


**Venue:** Northern Ohio Tactical Training Center - NOTTC  
Amherst, Ohio 44001

**Price:** \$225

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### Training Description:


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## SNIPER Low-Light Considerations Training Course

Approved for 6.5 - hours of Continuing Professional Training (CPT)



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**The OTOA does not teach one specific “Tactic.” The OTOA instructors teach “Principles.”**

- The OTOA response protocols are built around basic principles.
- Violation of basic principles develops into poor tactics.
- The applications of fundamental principles lead to safer tactics.

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

Sniper Low-Light Considerations is a one-day course combining field discussions with live-fire range sessions, providing hands-on experience using precision rifle systems. The live-fire segment includes advanced-level positional shooting, tripod utilization, and speed and accuracy drills,

Instruction topics encompass vital concepts such as Night Vision optics vs. Thermal optics, positional live-fire, tripod deployment, and light use. This course develops confidence in low-level light engagements and engagements utilizing tripods and night vision equipment.

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## COURSE SCHEDULE

## DAY 1

1300-1330- Confirm rifle zero

1330-1430- FBI and OTOA qual

1430-1530- Standing, Kneeling, Sitting Tripod Drills

1530-1630- Barricade shooting and shooting out of a vehicle hide

1630-1700- Break/Lunch

1700-1800- Hostage Stress shoots/competition (get the heart rate elevated, set up the tripod, and engage the hostage taker with one shot from each position for a total time.)

1800-1830- low light OTOA qualification

1830-1900- Night Vision optic review and setup

1900-2100- Low Light shooting

- Tripods/Barricade

- Vehicle Hide engagements using spotlights from a patrol car

- Night Vision (No light engagements if the officer has Night Vision Optics)

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## EQUIPMENT LIST

The following is a detailed list of what each student brings to this class:

### Body Armor

Any of the following three options is acceptable:

- Level III "Tactical" body armor
- Plate carrier and Level II or Level III soft body armor
- If you DO NOT have "Tactical Body Armor," Concealable Level II or Level III is acceptable
- Ballistic helmet (if issued)

### Precision rifle with adjustable turret scope, bipod, and sling

**All precision rifles are REQUIRED to be "ZEROED" at 100 yards before you arrive for the first day of class.**

### Ammunition

- Two hundred (200) rounds of match-grade ammunition.
- **NO GREEN TIP, ARMOR PIERCING, OR STEEL CORE AMMO**

### ANY / ALL EQUIPMENT for a "call out" or SWAT / SRT activation

- Team Uniform
  - Tripod w/ shooting rest
  - Clear eye protection – mandatory
  - Hearing protection – mandatory
  - Ball cap – mandatory
  - Pen and notebook – mandatory
  - Water and food – NO MEALS PROVIDED
  - Binoculars, spotting scope - RECOMMENDED
  - Flashlight (red lens preferred)
  - Databook, Data PDA, Data Computer, or Data Phone app
  - Inclement weather gear for both cold and wet weather - recommended
  - Night Vision Optics - RECOMMENDED, NOT MANDATORY
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## OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

- Shooting Mat
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## MEDICAL

If you are allergic to bees, outdoor plants, or animals, please bring your epinephrine pen or other medication.

Life-threatening allergies and pre-existing injuries or conditions must be reported to the OTOA training staff on day one of training.

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## LODGING, TRAVEL & MEALS:

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

- Attendees are responsible for their ammunition, lodging, transportation, and food.
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**Any tactic, technique, or technology covered at any OTOA advanced training or annual training conference MUST be applied in compliance with the United States Constitution, the Ohio Revised Code, and the rules and regulations of an attendee's employing law enforcement agency.**

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