

**Training Name:** Sniper Team Leader

**Dates:** 09/25/2023 - 09/26/2023

**Venue:** Westlake Police Department  
Westlake, OH 44145

**Price:** \$300

**Instructors:** Darren Smykowski  
Ted Morley

### Training Description:

**Scroll down for course description, equipment needs, & schedule below.**



**This course is NOT eligible for CPT Hours**

### HOST THIS TRAINING

**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.

**The OTOA's Sniper Team Leader course is an advanced 2-day class designed for current sniper team leaders and snipers aspiring to become team leaders. This course will cover sustainment, training, documentation, gear selection, and effectively showcasing your sniper team's capabilities for various missions.**

The curriculum includes:

- The Police Sniper's mission
- Selection process for potential snipers
- Training programs
- Pre-planned operations planning

**Completion of Basic Sniper School is a prerequisite for this advanced class**

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## COURSE SCHEDULE

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

## **DAY 1**

0800-0830: Introductions

0830-0900: Sniper TL Responsibilities/overwatch

0900-0910: Break

0910-0945: Sniper TL Selection Process

0945-1015: Sniper Training and Documentation

1015-1025: Break

1025-1100: Mils and MOA review

1100-1200: Google Earth Pro/Mapping

1200-1330: Working Lunch/ site recon

1330-1600: Complete workup with Google Earth Pro, multiple sniper positions mapped.

1600-1630: Assign Drills to students who will be instructed on the range

## **Day 2**

0800-0830: OTOA Qual (1/2 MOA Sniper coin opportunity)

0830-1100: Drills explained and instructed by students

1100-1130: Lunch

1130-1330: Continue with drills instructed by students

1330-1500: Additional range drills

- Barricades
- Tripods
- Moving Targets
- Glass Demo

1500-1600: Students will document the training from the class, which will be reviewed by the instructors for accuracy and relevance for accurate training documentation.

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## **TOPICS COVERED**

- Sniper Team Leaders' Rolls and Responsibilities
- Training and Documentation
- Sniper selection process
- Pre-planned ops planning/Google Earth pro

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## **EQUIPMENT LIST**

- A laptop with Google Earth Pro must be downloaded before class on Monday. (It is a free download.)
- Smartphone - Android or iOS
- Note-taking material
- All sniper gear, a precision rifle (capable of 1 MOA accuracy, pre-zeroed at 100 yards BEFORE class), and \*50 rounds of match-grade ammunition.

\*(Note: You will not use all 50 rounds during the course; this is a high-side estimate.)

- **NO GREEN TIP, ARMOR PIERCING, OR STEEL CORE AMMO**

- Tripod with shooting rest
- Clear eye protection – mandatory
- Hearing protection – mandatory
- Ball cap – mandatory
- Pen and notebook – mandatory
- Water and food – mandatory - NO MEALS PROVIDED
- Binoculars, spotting scope
- Weapons cleaning supplies
- Databook, Data PDA, Data Computer, or Data Phone app
- Sunglasses, Bug spray, and sunblock - recommended
- Inclement weather gear for both cold and wet weather - recommended
- If you are allergic to bees, outdoor plants, or animals, please bring your epinephrine pen or other medication.

## 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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