Training Name: Tactical Team Response to Active Threat Course

Course Name: OTOA Tactical Team Response to Active Threats - 23CPT063

Dates: 04/12/2023 - 04/13/2023

Venue: Mercy Health Police Department Training Facility

Youngstown, Ohio 44512

Price: \$600

Instructors: Tony Castillo

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Course Description:

This course is restricted to OPOTC-certified peace officers and troopers who are assigned full- or part-time to an Ohio law enforcement tactical team.

Training Description:

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Tuition for this course is 100% reimbursed to your agency through the AG's office Ohio School Safety Grant Program.

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Hosting Information

Training Flyer - Updated March 2024

Informational Video

AG grant reimbursement form

Grant submission checklist

Schedule This Training for Your Team

Email OTOA Training or call Tony Castillo, TTRAT course coordinator, at (419) 787-7098.

Printable Course Flyer



Approved for 16 - Hours of Cont

About the Course The OTOA Tactical Team Response to Active Threats 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 deescalation 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.

Eligibility OPOTC-certified peace officers, deputies, and troopers who are assigned full or part-time to a law enforcement agency tactical team. Tactical Medics (TEMS) are also eligible if OPOTC certified.

Registration Procedure

- Contact OTOA for scheduling to align with your training days.
- Choose from the listed course dates and locations.
- For customized scheduling or to host a course, contact Tony Castillo at (419) 787-7098 or email training@otoa.org.

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

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.

Lodging, Travel and Food

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

Attendees are responsible for their lodging, transportation, and food.

Need to get this training close to home?

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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.