Basic Police Sniper Course

Duration: 5 Days Cost: $700

⭐ Approved for CPT: 24 Assignment-Based hours

Eligibility

- All sworn first responders from state, federal, or local agencies.
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IMPORTANT: To participate in this class, it is highly recommended that students have attended and completed the OTOA Basic SWAT school (or equivalent). Questions about "equivalent"? Send an email to training@otoa.org.

Description

This course provides the foundation for police snipers, preparing them to meet the demands of this specialized role within special operations teams. High-intensity, real-world instruction covers essential skills, responsibilities, and challenges that are relevant to the workplace. As one of the most comprehensive basic sniper programs available, it delivers critical training for professional precision and readiness.

IMPORTANT: This course includes both physically and mentally demanding activities. Participants are expected to be in above-average physical condition before attending. Passing criteria for this course include passing a written test, passing the OPOTA Scoped Rifle Qualification, and passing the evaluation of the final exercise

Student Goals

- Develop enhanced marksmanship, observation, and concealment skills.
- Provide in-depth, foundational knowledge of the Sniper's mission, weapon system, equipment, and ballistics
- Demonstrate sniper-specific mission planning and execution techniques.
- Apply fieldcraft and hide construction techniques in realistic scenarios.

Equipment List

Materials Needed:

- Notebook and pens
- SWAT/Sniper callout uniform and equipment

- Sniper-grade rifle with scope and bipod (223 or better, .308 cal is preferred)
- 500 rounds of match-grade ammunition
- Tripod and rifle mount
- Gas mask
- Sidearm and holster
- Hearing protection
- Binoculars or spotting scope

Cleaning Equipment:

- All rifle cleaning gear to include cotton patches, nylon brush, bore and chamber brushes, lens cleaner(brushes, paper, etc.)
- One-piece cleaning rod, bore guide
- Cotton patches
- Cleaning solvent (e.g., Butch’s Bore Shine)
- Strong copper solvent (e.g., Montana Extreme Copper Killer)
- Rifle maintenance tools

Hide Construction Kit:

- Black Landscaping cloth
- Black bed sheets (queen - king)
- Sheer curtains, off-white sheers/cheesecloth
- Black garbage bags
- Nylon Screen, duct tape, push pins, and clamps

Suggested Materials:

- Elbow/knee pads, gloves, hat, rain gear
- Shooting mat, sunscreen, insect repellent
- First aid kit, camo paint, ghillie suit
- Dragbag, load-bearing gear, cooler

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> **IMPORTANT:** Carrying a SIG P320 or variant? Unload before entering any training area.

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.

Lodging, Travel, and Meals

Students are responsible for their ammunition, lodging, transportation, and food.

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.

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