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## Course Outline for AJ 9980

### BASIC SNIPER/OBSERVER

Effective: Fall

#### I. CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

AJ 9980 — BASIC SNIPER/OBSERVER — 1.41 units

A course designed to provide the necessary rifle and tactical skills for the Sniper/Observer to function in support of high-risk law enforcement operations. Course content includes team missions, organization, marksmanship skills, field craft, ballistics, information collection, reporting procedures and tactical command post. This is a California Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) certified course designed for regular or reserve peace officers in federal, state, or local law enforcement and/or active duty military personnel.

0.78 Units Lecture 0.63 Units Lab

#### Grading Methods:

Pass/No Pass

#### Discipline:

	<u>MIN</u>
<b>Lecture Hours:</b>	14.00
<b>Lab Hours:</b>	34.00
<b>Total Hours:</b>	48.00

#### II. NUMBER OF TIMES COURSE MAY BE TAKEN FOR CREDIT: 1

#### III. PREREQUISITE AND/OR ADVISORY SKILLS:

#### IV. MEASURABLE OBJECTIVES:

**Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to:**

1. be proficient in the application of rules of engagement in critical incidents;
2. demonstrate the process for evaluating and maintaining sniper rifles, individual and team equipment;
3. demonstrate proper rifle zero and scope adjustments;
4. explain rifle ballistics and the relationship to the aiming process under field conditions;
5. demonstrate rifle proficiency with a scope-sighted weapon at various known and unknown distances;
6. demonstrate sniper team deployment procedures and team missions;
7. explain sniper control procedures and processing of information in the tactical command post;
8. demonstrate tactical skills in sniping and field craft
9. demonstrate one-shot hit capability at head sized targets at 100 yards and vital body areas at 200 yards.

#### V. CONTENT:

- A. Sniper team missions and organization
- B. Weapons and equipment
- C. External ballistics
- D. Using the scope – theory, use and adjustments
- E. Rifle data book recording and use
- F. Shooting positions
- G. Weapons zeroing
- H. Range shooting – stationary and moving targets
  - I. Night vision and low light shooting
- J. Sniper team positions, information reporting and tactical command post operations
- K. Techniques of observation and field sketching
- L. Field craft
- M. Range clean up and weapons cleaning

#### VI. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION:

- A. **Lecture** -
- B. **Discussion** -
- C. Range qualification
- D. **Demonstration** - skills to be learned
- E. Range exercises and critiques

#### VII. TYPICAL ASSIGNMENTS:

A. Lecture 1. General range and home safety rules 2. Rifle data book recording and use B. Class discussion of significant issues and topics 1. Mission planning 2. Tactical command post operations

VIII. EVALUATION:

A. **Methods**

1. Exams/Tests

B. **Frequency**

1. Frequency of evaluation
  - a. Student attendance and progress is monitored daily
2. Student's course evaluation
  - a. Individual instructor evaluation
  - b. P.O.S.T. course evaluation

IX. TYPICAL TEXTS:

1. Students are provided a comprehensive resource guide of all course outlines. Students are required to maintain the binder throughout the course. Students could be given additional information during the class. Students are expected to read all material provided in the course binder.

X. OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED OF STUDENTS:

- A. All participants must have the following weapons and equipment: One departmental issued/authorized scoped sniper rifle, 150 rounds of match grade service ammunition, rifle sling, flashlight, weapon cleaning equipment, eye and ear protection, ground pad, spotting scope or good binoculars, note-taking equipment, and other specialized sniper team equipment