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Course Outline for AJ 9983

ADVANCED SNIPER/OBSERVER

Effective: Fall

I. CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

AJ 9983 — ADVANCED SNIPER/OBSERVER — 0.81 units

Provides advanced rifle and tactical skills for the Sniper/Observer to function in support of high-risk law enforcement operations. Includes rules of engagement, civil liability, team missions, organization, enhanced marksmanship skills, field craft, ballistics, information collection, reporting procedures, and tactical command post operation. A California Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) certified course for full-time peace officers. This course is designed for full time sworn law enforcement and/or active duty military personnel.

0.56 Units Lecture 0.26 Units Lab

Grading Methods:

Pass/No Pass

Discipline:

	<u>MIN</u>
Lecture Hours:	10.00
Lab Hours:	14.00
Total Hours:	24.00

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. explain the role of the Sniper/Observer in SWAT operations;
2. complete a mission analysis and deployment at a crisis site;
3. diagram a crisis site;
4. conduct an emergency assault operation, which involves a sniper/observer;
5. explain civil liability, rules of engagement and deadly force policy;
6. qualify as a sniper on the FBI field qualification course;
7. explain concealment techniques;
8. demonstrate knowledge of report procedures for field exercises and actual operations;
9. return to his department and supervise field exercises involving the sniper/observer.

V. CONTENT:

- A. Integrating sniper/observers into SWAT operations
- B. Explanation, observation and administration of Kim's Game, a tactical exercise Text
- C. Sniper/Observer deployment
- D. Essential elements of reporting Text
- E. Diagramming a crisis site
- F. Assault options and the role of the sniper/observer
- G. Civil liability, rules of engagement, and a deadly force policy
- H. Qualification on the FBI field qualification course
 - I. Reactive targets – Team competition, fast and accurate shooting under stress
- J. Distance shooting
- K. Weapons cleaning
- L. New equipment orientation
- M. Firing range exercises, including coordinated firing, angle shooting and low light shooting
- N. Range estimation exercises
- O. Concealment and reporting exercises
- P. Class critique

VI. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION:

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

VII. TYPICAL ASSIGNMENTS:

A. Lecture 1. Integrating Sniper/Observers into SWAT 2. Essential elements of reporting B. Class discussion of significant issues and topics 1. Sniper/Observer deployment 2. Assault operations and the role of the sniper/observer C. Activity 1. Coordinated firing, angle shooting and low-light shooting 2. Weapons cleaning

VIII. EVALUATION:

A. **Methods**

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. Student s 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.