



LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE TO CRITICAL INCIDENTS

COURSE OVERVIEW AND INSTRUCTIONAL GOALS

COURSE LENGTH: 16 Hours (2 Days)

COURSE OVERVIEW: This course is designed to provide first responders with the information and tools necessary to manage a critical incident prior to the arrival of SWAT. The supervisor's role in mitigating the risks to public safety, employees, and the liability to the organization will be explored in this course of instruction.

INSTRUCTIONAL GOALS: Upon completion of this course the attendee will be familiar with:

1. Critical Incident Types, Scope, & Tactics
2. Initial Response Considerations
3. Site Identification & Reporting
4. First Responder REACT Teams
5. Use of Force Options & Tactics
6. Supervisors Role In OIS
7. Theories of Liability
8. Incident Reviews
9. Practical Exercises

AGENDA:

Day One

0800-0900	3 step decision making process
0900-1000	Site ID and classroom exercise
1000-1100	De-escalation
1100-1200	Incident review
1200-1300	Lunch (not provided)
1300-1400	Officer mindset and use of force
1400-1500	Patrol REACT teams
1500-1600	Suicidal subjects & 1 st responder communications
1600-1700	Barricaded suspects

Day Two

0800-0900	Hostage situations & active shooter considerations
0900-1000	Critical incident response table top exercise
1000-1200	Video review
1200-1300	Lunch (not provided)
1300-1400	Video review (cont)
1400-1500	Supervisory theories of liability & case law
1500-1600	OIS incident review
1600-1700	Aftermath of an OIS



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COURSE OUTLINE:

- I. Course Administration
 - a. Course overview
 - b. Learning objectives
 - c. Agenda
 - d. Housekeeping

- II. Critical Incident Types, Scope, & Tactics
 - a. Suicidal subjects / EDP's & violent offenders
 - b. Barricaded suspects
 - c. Hostage situations
 - d. Active shooter situations

- III. Initial Response Considerations
 - a. 3 step decision making process
 - i. Identify the mission
 - ii. Isolate & contain
 - iii. Create contingency & layered plans

- IV. Site Identification & Reporting
 - a. Side
 - b. Level
 - c. Opening
 - d. Reporting exercise
 - e. Containment exercise

- V. First Responder REACT Teams
 - a. REACT Team function
 - b. REACT Team positions
 - i. Team Leader
 - ii. Area Cover
 - iii. Contact Officer
 - iv. Contact Cover
 - v. Less Lethal

- VI. Use of Force Options & Tactics
 - a. De-escalation
 - i. Communication & de-escalation guidelines
 - b. Time
 - c. Space & distance
 - d. Shielding & barriers
 - e. Opportunity
 - f. Past problems with decision making
 - g. Officer mindset & will

- VII. Supervisors Role in OIS
 - a. Supervisor responsibility
 - b. LE end goal



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- c. OIS leadership
 - d. Public safety statements
 - e. Changes to historical protocols
- VIII. Theories of Liability
- a. Negligent assignment
 - b. Negligent entrustment
 - c. Failure to train
 - d. Failure to direct
 - e. Failure to supervise
- IX. Incident Reviews
- X. Practical Exercises

CO-HOST LOGISTICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Classroom

- Adequate seating for the number of students attending, with tables.
- Whiteboard with markers
- Flip chart with paper

Audio Visual

- Projector for computer presentation
- Large projection screen (minimum of 6' X 6')
- Speaker system to connect to laptop for audio (or ability to plug in a thumb drive to an existing system).
- Extension cord and power strip

Other

- Access to copier

STUDENT EQUIPMENT LIST:

- LE identification
- This course is classroom based.
- Laptop computer is helpful but not required (thumb drives will be handed out to students containing the course materials).
- Business casual dress