



BUS TAKEDOWN COURSE

COURSE OVERVIEW AND INSTRUCTIONAL GOALS

COURSE LENGTH: 24 Hours (3 Days)

COURSE OVERVIEW: This course is designed to provide tactical team members and first responders with the information and tools necessary to manage a barricaded suspects operation, with or without hostages, occurring on a bus. Supervision and management of tactical operations involving public and private transit buses will be emphasized.

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

1. Command leadership, critical thinking, and decision making, specifically when dealing with hostage situations involving a bus.
2. Hostage situation decision making process.
3. Crisis and deliberate rescues.
4. Public & private transit bus familiarization.
5. Effective breaching methods for busses. Students will participate in live breaching of bus windows and doors using explosive breaching and pull hooks, amongst other methods, if the host agency can support it.
6. Practical Exercises

AGENDA:

Day One

0800-0830	Intro to Course
0830-1000	Bus Familiarization (Classroom)
1000-1130	Bus Familiarization (Practical)
1130-1230	Lunch (not provided)
1230-1500	Hostage Recovery Operations (Classroom)
1500-1700	Linear Assault Tactics (Classroom)

Day Two

0800-0900	Breaching Techniques (Classroom)
0900-1130	Breaching Techniques (Practical)
1130-1230	Lunch (not provided)
1230-1500	Breaching Techniques (Practical)
1500-1700	Crisis Entry Scenarios

Day Three

0800-1100	Deliberate Rescue Scenarios
1100-1200	Lunch (not provided)
1200-1700	Final Exercise



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COURSE OUTLINE:

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

- II. Bus Familiarization
 - a. Bus Types
 - i. Public vs Private Transit
 - b. Shut down procedures / disabling the bus
 - c. Doors and entry
 - i. Hydraulic vs Manual
 - d. Other
 - e. Walk through/demo on available busses

- III. Hostage Recovery Operations
 - a. Categories of hostage situation
 - b. Hostage taker evaluation
 - c. Shaping the environment during situations involving busses
 - d. Resolution strategies
 - e. CNT goals and objectives

- IV. Linear Assault Tactics
 - a. Response checklist
 - b. REACT team deployment
 - c. Sniper/Observer team deployment
 - d. Use of armor and bounding units
 - e. Deliberate assault planning
 - f. Breaching teams
 - g. Port and cover teams
 - h. Diversion teams
 - i. Entry team
 - j. Assault sequence

- V. Breaching Techniques
 - a. Considerations
 - b. Manual & mechanical tools
 - c. Explosive breaching
 - d. Practical exercises

- VI. Crisis Entry Scenarios
 - a. Multiple force on force scenarios with limited resources of varying degrees

- VII. Deliberate Rescue Scenarios
 - a. Multiple force on force scenarios with all resources
 - b. Final Exercise



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CO-HOST LOGISTICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Classroom

- Adequate classroom and 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

Field Training Facilities

- Building and/or open area to park a bus large enough to maneuver armored rescue vehicles around the parked location of the bus.

Other

- Access to copier
- Access to at least one public and one private transit bus (preferably). Additional busses may be needed if the live breaching component is involved.
- A car to be involved in the scenario.

STUDENT EQUIPMENT LIST:

- Laptop computer (a PDF will be provided to attendees prior to class start – **no printed course manual is handed out, all course documents are on provided thumb drive.**)
- Note taking material.
- All individually issued tactical gear to include radio and communications equipment.
- Rifle and pistol with simunition/UTM conversions.
- 75 rounds simunition/UTM marking cartridges.
- Face/head/neck and wraparound eye protection for force on force drills is **MANDATORY!** A half mask that can attach to the helmet and in conjunction with wraparound eye protection is recommended.
- 2 live NFDD's, can be single, double, or 9 bangers. (contact Trinity Tactical if you don't have the ability to bring NFDD's)

Optional Equipment:

- 2 Training NFDD hulls with 5 training reloads.
- If you are assigned as a sniper on your team, 10 blanks for your bolt gun/AR10. I will place you in the sniper role at times during force on force drills and scenarios.