

SANTA ANA POLICE DEPARTMENT
Specialized Team Mobile Field Force TACTICS
4 hours
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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this training is to teach SAPD personnel the proper tactics when responding to Mobile Field Force situations from peaceful demonstrations to riotous groups.

I. Learning objectives

- A.** Stay current with State / Federal Laws and current industry practices
- B.** Improve communications between skirmish lines and support elements
- C.** Proper planning, execution, of less lethal options / arrest and rescue situations
- D.** Importance of tactics, the utilization of MFF equipment, and effective movement in crowd control situations

II. Content

A. Instructor will identify the Specialized Team's role in Mobile Field Force situations

- 1.** Discuss proper equipment / duty uniform
 - i. shields
 - ii. less lethal backpacks / munitions
 - iii. fire extinguishers
- 2.** Discuss and review use of force laws and limitations
 - i. declaring a riot
 - ii. move and deny crowds
 - iii. use of force options
- 3.** Discuss proper use of specialized vehicles
 - i. Suburbans
 - ii. Armored Vehicle / React Team
 - iii. Proper deployment from vehicles
- 4.** Discuss Less Lethal Options
 - i. 40 mm / bean bag
 - a. Target zones
 - ii. Chemical agents

B. Instructor will discuss in depth arrest / rescue tactics

- 1.** Discuss Arrest Circle
 - i. Timing
 - ii. Communication
 - iii. Suspect specific
- 2.** Discuss Passive Arrests
 - i. Tangle teams
 - ii. Team member assignments
- 3.** Discuss Rescue / React Teams

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- i. Officer Down
 - ii. Citizen Down
 - iii. Shots fired / Active Shooter
 - a. use of over watch / armored vehicle
 - b. use of Suburban deployments
 - iv. Molotov cocktail / structure fires
 - a. immediate actions
 - b. fire extinguishers
 - c. fire escort
- C. Tactical approach**
- 1. Mindset
 - 2. Cover vs concealment
 - 3. Use of vehicles
 - 4. Use of armored rescue vehicles
 - 5. Integration of long rifle over watch
 - 6. Reading the crowds
 - 7. Team reaction
- D. Entering riotous crowds**
- 1. 4 man squads
 - 2. Wedge Formations
 - 3. Control of suspect
 - 4. Control of innocents
 - 5. Team communication
- E. Occupant control**
- 1. Evacuation of occupants
 - 2. Medical aid for injuries
 - 3. Debrief occupants
- F. Specific MFF tactics**
- 1. Teams are identified based on response
 - 2. Team Leaders identify line backers and grenadiers
 - 3. React Team is established and vehicles are properly equipped
 - 4. Teams will rehearse arrest and rescue circles and proper deployment from vehicles
 - 5. Emphasize the importance of communicating and controlling scene
 - 6. Instructors will cover the importance of background and target identification awareness
 - 7. The Team go in depth of proper dismount from vehicles and moving in crowds
 - 8. Evacuation process; Armored vehicle will escort teams out of the area

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G. FTX –Team will be deployed to support a SAPD MFF squad reporting they are taking shots from the crowd and there are victims down. The Team will be required to respond and assess the situation. They will implement the proper plan of action and affect the rescue and arrest of active shooter.

1. Assessment procedures:

- i. Injuries/Medical aid awareness
- ii. Establish zones if necessary
- iii. Identification of any possible sniper situations
- iv. Additional victims / assist fire if necessary

H. Team debrief

1. Identify strengths
2. Identify weaknesses
3. Conduct remediation

III. Instructional resources

A. Equipment required for MFF training:

1. 4 Role Players
2. Protective equipment
3. Training aids
4. Tape
5. Cleaning towels/wipes
6. Clothing for role players/aggressors

B. Individual Operator Equipment Needed:

1. Training uniform
2. Shields
3. Full Gear (Tactical Vest, Helmet, Gas Mask, Pac Sets)
4. Riot Baton
5. Clear Eyes
6. Water/Drinks

C. Equipment Provided by Safety Officer:

1. Reflective Vests
2. Eye protection

IV. Time allotment and breakdown

- A.** 1300 Hours - Meet in classroom - power point
- B.** 1400 Hours – Team movement rehearsals
- C.** 1530 Hours – FTX
- D.** 1630 Hours – Training concludes
- E.** 1600 Hours - Debrief and clean-up

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