

SANTA ANA POLICE DEPARTMENT
Tubular Entry Tactics
4 hours
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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this training is to teach SAPD personnel the proper tactics when conducting entries/hostage rescues in a tubular (bus or plane) environment.

I. Learning objectives

- A.** Familiarization of bus mechanics
- B.** Improve tubular entry tactics with and without the use of ballistic shields
- C.** Proper planning, execution, and assessment during tubular entry/hostage interdiction
- D.** Importance of tactics, the utilization of ballistic shield(s), and effective movement in a tubular environment

II. Content

- A.** Instructor will identify the components and operating procedures of a bus
 - Window opening procedures
 - Door opening procedures
 - Emergency engine shutoff
 - How to disengage roof hatch
 - Camera system familiarization
- B.** Entry team configuration and responsibilities
 - Specific entry assignments
 - i. Breachers
 - ii. Shield operators
 - iii. Long coverage
 - iv. Aisle movement
- C.** Tactical approach
 - Mindset
 - Cover vs concealment
 - Blocking vehicle ingress and egress
 - Use of armored rescue vehicles
 - Integration of long rifle element
 - Approach of breaching team
 - Approach of entry team
- D.** Entry to crisis site
 - Breaching team responsibilities
 - Entry assignments and movement in the tubular environment
 - Control of suspect
 - Control of innocents
 - Team communication

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- E. Occupant control
 - Evacuation of occupants
 - Medical aid for injuries
 - Debrief occupants
- F. Team debrief
 - Identify strengths
 - Identify weaknesses
 - Conduct remediation


III. Instructional resources

- A. Equipment Needed for Bus:
 - 2 Paper Targets (Shoot/No Shoot)
 - 20 Cardboard Backings
 - Tape
 - Cleaning towels/wipes
 - Clothing for role players/aggressors
- B. Individual Operator Equipment Needed:
 - Training uniform
 - Full Gear (Tactical Vest, Helmet, Gas Mask, Pac Sets)
 - Carbine or assigned long gun (**no ammunition**)
 - Clear Eyes
 - Water/Drinks
- C. Equipment Provided by Safety Officer:
 - Simunition Weapons and ammunition
 - Face Masks Protection (eyes, ears)
 - Throat Protection

IV. Time allotment and breakdown

- A. 0700 Hours -Meet at training location
- B. 0715 Hours - Safety brief
- C. 0730 Hours - Begin training with group 1
- D. 1100 Hours - Lunch
- E. 1200 Hours - Begin training with group 2
- F. 1600 Hours - Debrief and clean-up

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- I.** Specific entry tactics
- A.** First officer pulls door open
 - B.** Stack enters and first two officers snap sides to provide long cover while standing on front seats. They instruct everyone to place their head down and place hands behind head.
 - C.** Third officer secures driver (if any)
 - D.** Fourth, fifth and sixth officers tactically move down center of isle allowing proper distance to effectively secure and control suspects/hostages
 - E.** Emphasize the importance of communicating and controlling scene
 - F.** Instructors will cover the importance of background and target identification awareness
 - G.** Evacuation process; hostages will be escorted off bus starting from the front closest to doors
 - Assessment procedures:
 - i. Injuries/Medical aid awareness
 - ii. Secondary sweep of bus
 - iii. Identification of any possible explosive devices
 - iv. Additional hostages/suspects
 - v. Debrief