BART Police Department
Patrol Officer’s Active Shooter Response Course

This purpose of this course is to augment the US Department of Homeland Security Integrated Anti-Terrorism Security Program to enhance capabilities of transit agency security officials, law enforcement personnel, and others with interaction with passengers to detect, deter, and prevent acts of terrorism.

This course has been tailored specifically to the requirements of BART Police Department, based on time and manpower constraints. This course is a one, eight-hour day introduction to the Rapid Response Planning and Decision Making Process, and Maneuver Tactics. The focus of this course is on the Patrol Officer. Often they are the first on the scene and will have the best opportunity to stop the threat quickly and safely before it develops into a hostage barricade or mass casualty event.

During the eight hours of instruction, we will introduce the Rapid Response Planning and Decision Making Process to demonstrate how to analyze threats and terrain quickly, and how to prioritize tasks to stop the threat quickly and safely. We will also introduce and practice Maneuver Tactics enabling the Patrol Officer to gain the tactical advantage to stop the threat as quickly and safely as possible preventing further injury, loss of life and/or property destruction. Only airsoft replica guns are used in this training. There is no live fire in this training.

I. Safety Briefing and Protocol.

A. Brief on training venue location hazards (to be identified during walkthrough the day prior)

B. Brief on limitations for airsoft replica gun plastic bbs discharge and movement (the limits of where we can shoot and move)

C. Brief on location of First Aid Bag and evacuation vehicle / procedures. Location and directions to nearest hospital in case of accident.

D. The training location will be equipped with the appropriate area for all practical exercises.

E. Anyone who does not strictly adhere to the requests or instructions of the instructors will not be allowed to participate in training.

F. The BPD use of force and arrest policies will be reviewed prior to the commencement of training.

G. Adequate emergency lighting shall be available at the site of any nighttime training.

H. There will be no firearms or live ammunition allowed in the classroom or the training area.

I. Every student shall wear appropriate clothing while attending training. This will include pre designated department uniform or appropriate athletic clothing and footwear. No, shorts, open toed shoes or sandals will be worn.

J. All safety equipment and instruments utilized in training will be inspected for serviceability, as
well as to ensure they fall within Department specifications prior to training.

K. First Aid equipment shall be readily accessible at the site during training.

L. All preexisting injuries will be identified prior to the commencement of training.

M. Any student with an injury will not be required to participate in practical exercises.

N. All injuries sustained during training shall be reported to one of the instructors and/or supervisor present at the training site. Reported injuries shall be documented and medical attention shall be provided as required pursuant to Departmental Policy.

O. Any student not actively participating in the exercise will be closely supervised.

II. Introduction / Registration

A. Administrative Duties

1. P.O.S.T. rosters
2. Course roster
3. Course title and training objectives
4. Course Facilities and Safety Briefing

B. Course Overview

1. Introduction
2. Instructor(s) history and background
3. Student Introductions

III. Patrol Officer’s Course Academics

A. Introduction

1. Past Experience and why/how this course was created
2. Special Operations Forces and Law Enforcement similarities and history
3. LE/MIL comparison

B. Recent Active Shooter Events and Lessons Learned

C. Overview of the “BASICS” and lessons learned from more than two hundred years of experience

1. Physical Fitness
2. Marksmanship
3. Land Navigation
4. First Aid
5. Communications
D. Overview of the “RAPID RESPONSE PLANNING AND DECISION MAKING PROCESS”

1. The Deliberate Planning Process
2. The Hasty (Rapid Response) Planning Process
3. How to use these processes to make good decisions based on the threat and situation
   a. METT-TC
   b. OCOKA
   c. APT

IV. Patrol Officer’s Course Field Exercise

A. Maneuver Tactics

3. Outside movement
   a. Corners
   b. Intersections
   c. Basic Open Air Clearing Techniques
   d. Overwatch
   e. Avenues of approach
   f. Standoff

4. Inside movement
   a. Making Deception
   b. Making entry (doors, windows)
   c. Basic Room Clearing Techniques
   d. Corners
e. Intersections
f. Long Cover
g. Closing the distance
h. Maintaining standoff

V. Course Close Out and After Action Review

A. Summary
B. Student Evaluation Sheets
C. Closing Remarks and Questions