

San Bernardino County Sheriff's Specialized Enforcement Division
SWAT Tactical Vehicle Interdiction Course (18 hour)

Effective:

SWAT Tactical Vehicle Interdiction

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this course is to train peace officers the necessary skills and knowledge to be able to conduct vehicle containment and vehicle interdiction techniques during tactical situations. This course will cover a multitude of areas in which the individual must have a high level of competency and be able to demonstrate the skills learned during the course. The focus of the areas to be instructed on are covered by POST SWAT guidelines for SWAT Tactical Vehicle Interdiction which are as follows. Instructors for the course will facilitate this learning through classroom and practical application of the core competencies. In addition there will be testing to address the core competencies. Those that complete the course in addition to an approved SWAT school, would be able to conduct SWAT Tactical Vehicle Interdiction Operations.

- I. Welcome
- II. Safety Issues
- III. Tactical Vehicle Interdiction Operational Concepts
- IV. Vehicle Containment Techniques
- V. Mobile Vehicle Interdiction Techniques
- VI. Vehicle Interdiction Practical Application
- VII. Vehicle Interdiction Testing

I. LEARNING NEED

SWAT personnel participating in vehicle interdiction operations must know and practice all procedures for safety during training and operations.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- A. State the four fundamental rules of firearms safety
 1. Treat all firearms as if they are loaded
 2. Always keep the firearms pointed in the safest possible direction
 3. Always keep finger off the trigger until ready to fire the firearm
 4. Be sure of the target and what's beyond it before firing the firearm
- B. Explain basic safety guidelines to be followed at a training range through TSO briefing.
 1. When entering the training range

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- a. Range safety brief
 - b. Listen carefully for range commands
 - c. Request clarification if a command is not clear
 - c. Wear approved protective equipment
2. During training evolutions
 - a. Listen carefully for range commands
 - b. Request clarification if a command is not clear
 - c. Keep weapons pointed in a safe direction
 - d. Talk only when instructor speaks directly to student
 - e. Never proceed into rope operational zones except when commanded to do so
 - f. Ensure students wear seatbelts when vehicles are in motion
 - g. Travel at speeds safe for conditions during training
 - h. Follow all instructor or TSO commands
- C. Explain basic safety guidelines to be followed during operations
1. Medical Emergencies
 - a. Trauma kit and medical equipment location on ranges
 - b. Emergency phone location on ranges

II. LEARNING NEED

Personnel participating in tactical vehicle interdiction operations must have an understanding regarding the workings, the capabilities, and limitations of tactical vehicle interdiction operations, and understand proper application of vehicle interdiction techniques in order to conduct vehicle interdiction operations safely and effectively.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- A. Basic surveillance techniques:
1. Terminology
 - a. Point
 - b. Takeaway
 - c. Apron
 - d. Lane numbering
 - e. Gutter lane
 - f. Primary
 - g. Positive identification (PID)
 - h. Cover

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2. Assignments
 - a. Point
 - b. Takeaway
 - c. Parallel
3. Briefing
 - a. Importance of a tactical briefing
 - b. How to provide a proper briefing
 - c. Situational updates
4. Equipment Considerations
 - a. Plan clothes vs uniformed
 - b. High visibility patches
 - c. Additional considerations
5. Fixed Point Surveillance
 - a. Fixed point surveillance principles
 - b. Proper positioning
 - c. Fixed point surveillance methods
 - d. Additional considerations
6. Establishing Perimeter
 - a. Establishing takeaways
 - b. Proper containment considerations
 - c. Identifying natural choke points for interdiction
7. Mobile Surveillance
 - a. Communication
 - b. Driving techniques
 - c. Mobile surveillance principles
8. Aerial Surveillance
 - a. Coordination with aerial assists
 - b. Proper implementation of aerial assets during vehicle interdiction.
9. Foot Surveillance
 - a. Foot surveillance techniques
 - b. Conducting distance surveillance
10. Counter Surveillance
 - a. Identifying counter surveillance techniques
 - b. Working through counter surveillance techniques

B. Vehicle Interdiction Concepts

1. Vehicle Containment Techniques (VCT)
 - a. Used to contain a vehicle which is not moving
 - b. Legal considerations

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- c. Front block
 - d. Rear block
 - e. Side block
 - f. Procedures for compliant subject
 - g. Procedures for noncompliant subject
 - h. Procedures for runner
 - i. Procedures for lethal force encounter
2. Box-in
- a. Used to contain a vehicle which is moving, where personnel have not been compromised
 - b. Legal considerations
 - c. Front block
 - d. Rear block
 - e. Side block
 - f. Procedures for complaint subject
 - g. Procedures for noncompliant subject
 - h. Procedures for runner
 - i. Procedures for lethal force encounter
 - j. Procedures for vehicle pursuit
3. Vehicle Interdiction
- a. Used to contain a vehicle which is actively avoiding containment, and poses a serious risk to public safety
 - b. Legal considerations
 - c. High speed pit maneuver
 - d. High speed lethal force engagement
 - e. Coordination with aviation regarding aerial engagement
 - f. Coordination with large caliber personnel regarding vehicle disablement

III. LEARNING NEED

SWAT personnel participating in VCT operations must understand the fundamentals required for safe implementation of VCT's during tactical incidents.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

A. Vehicle Containment Techniques

1. Front Block

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- a. Student will be provided instruction on proper technique to block a suspect vehicle from the front, including the techniques for remaining inside of the vehicle (shelter in place) or exiting the vehicle to a position of cover.
 - b. The student will demonstrate their ability to properly operate in the front block position during a VCT.
2. Side Block
 - a. Student will be provided instruction on proper technique to block a suspect vehicle from the side, including the techniques for ordering a complaint suspect from the vehicle
 - b. Student will demonstrate their ability to properly operate in the side block position during a VCT
3. Rear Block
 - a. Student will be provided instruction on proper technique to block a suspect vehicle from the rear, including the techniques for positioning themselves to apprehend a suspect as the exit the vehicle
 - b. Student will demonstrate their ability to properly operate in the rear block position during a VCT
4. Cover Vehicles
 - a. Student will be provided instruction on proper implementation of a cover vehicle including use of less lethal cover and techniques for filling gaps in coverage, providing scene security, and providing overwatch for arrest teams
 - b. Student will demonstrate their ability to properly operate as the cover vehicle during a VCT.

IV. LEARNING NEED

Personnel participating in Vehicle Interdiction Operations must demonstrate and understanding of operational fundamentals through practical application.

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 - b. Student will demonstrate their ability to properly operate as the cover vehicle during a box-in.
- B. Vehicle Interdiction
1. Students will be provided instruction on how to properly interdict a vehicle which is unable to be contained and poses an active risk to the public.

V. REQUIRED TESTS

San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, SWAT Tactical Vehicle Interdiction Scenario Evaluations

- A. Vehicle Containment Scenario

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1. Students will be provided a scenario which involves an armed and dangerous subject wanted for arrest entering a parked vehicle. Students will conduct a VCT and apprehend the suspect who will be compliant.
2. **SKILLS TESTED:** Instructors will evaluate students to ensure they are meeting the following core competencies:
 - a. Students perform the VCT correctly at each position
 - b. Students evaluate the necessity for a VCT prior to implementing the tactic
 - c. Students attempt to utilize lower risk means to apprehend the suspect prior to the VCT
 - d. Students successfully contain the vehicle prior to its leaving
 - e. Students conduct the VCT in a manner which mitigates risk to the public.

B. Box-In Scenario

1. Students will be provided a scenario which involves an armed and dangerous subject wanted for arrest driving a mobile vehicle. Students will conduct a box-in and apprehend the suspect who will be compliant.
2. **SKILLS TESTED:** Instructors will evaluate students to ensure they meet the following core competencies:
 - a. The students perform the box-in correctly at each position.
 - b. The students evaluate the necessity for a box-in prior to implementing the tactic and ensure legal requirements were met.
 - c. The students attempt to utilize lower risk means to apprehend the suspect prior to the box-in.
 - d. The students successfully contain the vehicle and prevent a vehicle pursuit.
 - e. The students conduct the VCT in a manner which mitigates risk to the public.
 - f. If students fail to meet any of the above requirements, they will fail the scenario and not be allowed to continue the course.

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VI. HOURLY REQUIREMENTS

Students shall be provided with a minimum number of instructional hours on Tactical Vehicle Interdiction

<u>Description</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Agency Specific Hours	<u>18</u>
Total Instructional Hours	<u>18</u>