CATO

California Association of Tactical Officers

Diversionary Device Instructor Course

Date: 01/27/2027 - 01/28/2027

Tuition: $453

POST Control #: 1185-21920-26001

Location: Santa Maria Police Department
Santa Maria, CA 93455

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Course Description:
Flyer

Training Description:
This course will provide students with the knowledge, skills, and abilities to instruct their department members in the deployment of diversionary devices. This course contains legislative update information regarding Penal Code section 835a, AB 48, and AB 481.

Required Equipment:

1. Bring a laptop, tablet or other device to develop a presentation in addition to a flash drive.
2. Successfully run drills under the supervision of an instructor.
3. Conduct a 10 to 15-minute presentation on an assigned diversionary device topic.
4. Pass a 25 questions final exam with a minimum score of 80%.
5. Bring five (5) agency-issued diversionary devices.
6. Bring deployable tactical gear including vest, helmet, hearing protection, clear eyes, BDU style uniform, and fire-retardant gloves.

COURSE INSTRUCTORS:

The course instructors have extensive experience in the training and deployment of diversionary devices in the tactical environment. Each instructor has a minimum of ten years of tactical experience, in addition to years of instructional experience. The instructor cadre was selected from throughout the State, providing students with the advantage of regional perspectives as it applies to team size, capabilities, and community concerns regarding the use of diversionary devices.

TRAVEL AND LODGING:

This course will begin at 0800 hours on the first day and conclude at approximately 1700 hours on the last day. There is not a host hotel for this course.

Register online at catotraining.org

Questions? Contact CATO's Training Coordinator
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