



California Association of Tactical Officers

## Diversionsary Device Instructor Course

**Date:** 06/08/2026 - 06/09/2026

**Tuition:** \$442

**POST Control #:** 1185-21920-25002

**Location:** SeaCoast Grace Church  
Cypress, CA 90630

**Instructors:** Mat Sorenson  
Garry Couso

### Course Description:

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### Training Description:

This course will provide students with the knowledge, skills, and abilities to instruct their department members in the deployment of diversionsary 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 diversionsary device topic.
4. Pass a 25 questions final exam with a minimum score of 80%.
5. Bring five (5) agency-issued diversionsary 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 diversionsary 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 diversionsary 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.

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