CATO

California Association of Tactical Officers

Tactical Firearms Instructor Course

Date: 05/12/2025 - 05/15/2025

Tuition: $1039

Location: Fresno PD Regional Training Center
Fresno, CA 93706

Instructors: John Montenegro

Course Description:

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- Safety protocols
- Lesson plan development
- Training documentation
- Decision-making
- Course of fire development
- Safely running a range
- Lethal force options
- Adult learning concepts

Course instructors: Taught by current operational members of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB) who have extensive tactical operations experience and are responsible for all firearms training at SEB.

STUDENTS MUST:

- Bring an agency lesson plan, course of fire, and qualification standard.
- Pass at least one CATO pistol and carbine standard to successfully complete the course.
- Successfully run range drills under the supervision of an instructor.
- Conduct a 60-minute team presentation on a firearm course of fire.
- Pass a 25 questions final exam with a score of 100%.
- Bring 1,500 rounds of pistol ammunition and 1,500 rounds of carbine ammunition.
- Bring deployable tactical gear including vest, helmet, gloves, hearing protection, clear ballistic eye protection, shot timer, whistle, BDU style uniform, and weapon cleaning supplies.
- Bring appropriate weapons systems with weapon mounted or handheld lights.
- Prior to class, provide type of pistol, shotgun, and carbine that will be used during the course.

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