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Rescue Task Force (RTF) Train-the-Trainer Course

COURSE PURPOSE

Prepare experienced law enforcement, fire, and EMS instructors to deliver Rescue Task Force training within their agencies. This eight-hour practical course provides the instructional material, demonstrations, and field-tested procedures needed to support a 40-hour agency-level RTF course.

Course Details

Format	Eight-hour practical, instructor-development course
Audience	Recognized and experienced law enforcement, fire, and EMS instructors
Prerequisite	Completion of Joint Public Safety Response to the Active Shooter/Active Assailant
Class size	Two instructors for up to 30 students; three instructors for up to 45 students (additional costs apply)
Instructor ratio	One instructor per 15 students
Delivery	Round-robin stations, demonstrations, drills, and scenario-based exercises
Recommended composition	Blended mix of law enforcement, fire personnel, and EMS personnel
Training conditions	Outdoor morning training; conducted in all weather except rare safety exceptions (lightning and sleet)

Why This Course Exists

Many public safety agencies are adopting integrated response models to better address active assailant threats. This course is built on over 50,000 hours of Threat Suppression research, more than 100 large-scale active shooter exercises, and the instructors' first-hand experience

commanding multiple active assailant attacks. Course material has served as the foundation for agency-level training across the United States and has been used to develop federal active shooter training programs. Local, state, and federal agencies have hosted this course to prepare public safety trainers on the Rescue Task Force integrated concept.

The course is offered in conjunction with the eight-hour Joint Public Safety Response to the Active Shooter/Active Assailant course, which students are required to attend beforehand. Together, the programs provide both the theoretical framework, or “when,” and the practical application, or “how,” of integrated active assailant response.

Practical Training Stations

Station 1: Exterior RTF Operations

This station covers RTF operations from outside the building to the crisis site. It addresses movement with force protection, the use of fire trucks to protect the RTF and remove victims, and drills that require students to move toward the building and rescue downed casualties. Each drill introduces additional stimuli and problems for students to overcome. The station also includes hostile mass-casualty response on buses.

Station 2: Interior RTF Operations

This station covers RTF movement inside a building with force protection. Demonstrations and discussion address T-intersections, long hallways, open atriums, stairwells, quick-action drills involving hostile engagement, downed-officer rescue, downed RTF-member rescue, and the use of fire personnel for heavy breaching. The station also demonstrates hasty assaults on school buses and RTF operations on buses following an active shooter event.

Station 3: Fire-as-a-Weapon

This station covers RTF response when smoke or fire is introduced intentionally or unintentionally into an event involving a marauding perpetrator. The focus is on fire-as-a-weapon events in commercial buildings and includes law enforcement direct-to-threat operations in low- or no-visibility environments, RTF operations in smoke and fire, thermal imaging cameras, force protection, downed-officer rescue, positive-pressure fans, tactical breaching, and related considerations.

Station 4: Scenario-Based Exercises

For the final portion of the day, the class divides into participants acting as victims with assigned casualty cards and participants acting as responders. Each scenario lasts approximately 30 minutes and requires students to apply concepts taught throughout the day. One scenario involves an active assailant inside a building. The other involves an outdoor active assailant who transitions to an interior attack. Each scenario concludes with a 15-minute hotwash involving all participants.

Watch this course in action: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7yHlbFHVGSY>

Concepts Covered (maybe time-dependent)

- Review of basic building-entry and room-clearing techniques
- RTF force-protection considerations for hallways, T-intersections, stairwells, and other problem areas
- Quick-action drills when the RTF encounters hostile action
- RTF movement to contact outside to the crisis site
- RTF movement to contact using armored vehicles or fire trucks
- Civilian extraction from the crisis site using fire trucks
- Spontaneous RTFs and incident-command-established RTFs
- RTF response to a fire-as-a-weapon event
- RTF response in low-visibility or no-visibility environments with victim rescues
- RTF movement and operations near potential or actual IEDs
- Team movement from outside to the crisis site
- RTF downed-officer or downed-member rescues
- Hasty school-bus assault and RTF operations inside a bus
- Operations near potential explosive devices
- Casualty collection point considerations

Agency Resources and Deliverables

Upon completion, the host agency will receive the following supporting resources:

- A 400-slide instructor PowerPoint covering integrated active assailant response
- A voiceover version of the presentation with Dr. Clumpner providing detailed explanations for each slide
- Two CDs, totaling 8GB, containing more than 2,000 studies, articles, presentations, videos, and audio resources on active assailant response
- Detailed skill sheets for everything taught in the practical course
- An educational site license permitting agency-wide use of the materials

OPTIONAL RESOURCE

A 300-slide Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC) Train-the-Trainer presentation with voiceover is available for separate purchase and is recommended.

Additional agencies apart from the host agency may purchase the training support resources for a \$5,000 fee.

Participant and Training Requirements

Participants must be recognized, experienced instructors within their agencies. Completion of the Joint Public Safety Response to the Active Shooter/Active Assailant course is required before

attending the trainer portion. Cameras are encouraged for capturing demonstrations and training techniques. Because of time limitations, adult learning theory and teach-backs are not covered.

The course uses round-robin stations covering law enforcement, fire, and EMS response techniques. Regardless of discipline, all participants rotate through each station to gain a multidisciplinary perspective. Students should expect to be outdoors during the morning portion. Training is conducted in all weather conditions, with rare exceptions such as lightning or sleet. Students must dress appropriately and are encouraged to bring a second set of clothes. Threat Suppression has conducted this course in temperatures ranging from -8°F in Fairbanks, Alaska, to 112°F in San Angelo, Texas.

Host Agency Requirements

- Suitable training location for practical scenarios, preferably a large commercial building, school, or barracks-style dormitory
- One fire truck
- One school bus
- Mannequins, four preferred
- Armored vehicles, if available
- Any tactical evacuation equipment currently issued to the department
- Twenty training guns, such as blue or red guns, or duty weapons with BarrelBlok
- Two, preferably three, smoke machines capable of producing a minimum of 30,000 CFM, with three gallons of smoke concentrate
- Positive-pressure fan, electric or battery preferred
- Two gas generators and drop cords if the building does not have power
- APR respirators with training CBRN filters
- Two thermal imaging cameras, four preferred
- Potable water for students

Students Provide

- Issued tactical equipment, including ballistic protective equipment
- Extrication or mechanic's gloves
- Personal food and drink

Threat Suppression Provides

- Two to three instructors depending on class size: two instructors for 30 students and three instructors for 45 students
- Two CDs containing 8GB of train-the-trainer material for the contracting agency; other agencies must purchase a site license to receive the instructional material

Typical Training Schedule

The schedule below represents a typical training day. Timing may be adjusted to accommodate the facility, student count, safety requirements, station rotation plan, and instructor travel.

TIME:	ITEM:
0645-0730	Instructor cadre assembles on site and begins set up with host agency representatives
0730-0745	LEO students arrive and go through three separate weapon checks and clearing stations. LEOs cannot return to their vehicles after this point without going through clearing again.
0745-0800	All students assemble and are placed in two separate training squads, predetermined by the course coordinator to equally spread out LEOs, fire, and EMS personnel.
0800-0810	Course introduction, instructor introductions, safety briefing
0815-0915	Squads rotate to two stations (bus attacks and exterior operations)
0915-0920	Rotation and R&R break
0920-1020	Squads rotate to either bus attacks or exterior operations
1020-1030	Rotation and R&R break
1030-1200	Squads rotate to either smoke and fire as a weapon or interior operations
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1310	LEO students arrive and go through three separate weapon checks and clearing stations. All students assemble back into training groups.
1310-1440	Squads rotate training stations
1440-1455	Rotation and R&R break. Instructors set up final scenarios. All LEOs report to one group. Fire/EMS to another group.
1500-1630	All student scenario-based exercises (two different exercises) with a short hotwash and R&R break in between.
1630-1645	Everyone cleans up the training site.
1645-1700	Final wrap-up, student award presentations, and student dismissal

OUTCOME

Graduates leave with sufficient material and proven instructional strategies to conduct a 40-hour Rescue Task Force course for their agencies.