

Ballistic Shield Operations (20 hours)

Course Goals:

This course will provide officers with the skills and abilities to utilize a ballistic shield during the clearing of structures and when approaching vehicles. The officer will develop the necessary knowledge to deploy and operate a ballistic shield in a solo-officer, and multi officer response to rapidly evolving situations that require immediate action by officers, such as a hostage rescue or active shooter. The emphasis of the course will for the officer to be able to operate the shield within a structure, identify and stop threats while protecting themselves from injury. The course consists of a live-fire range day to familiarize the student with firearms manipulation when utilizing a shield. The second day will consist of officers utilizing the shield to safely clear a structure and make approaches on vehicles.

Course Objectives:

Students Will:

- 1.) Demonstrate ability to safely manipulate, draw, and fire their handgun while holding a shield
- 2.) Demonstrate their ability to clear weapons malfunctions and reload their handgun while utilizing a shield
- 3.) Demonstrated their ability to work with a cover officer to identify and engage threats while utilizing a shield
- 4.) Demonstrate the ability to utilize the shield in a solo-officer response to an active threat
- 5.) Demonstrate the ability to utilize the shield in a multi-officer response to an active threat
- 6.) Demonstrate the ability to utilize the shield in an emergency entry situation
- 7.) Demonstrate the ability to utilize the shield during the approach of a vehicle after a high risk stop

Day 1:

Location: JPA 25-yard Range

- I. Introduction
 - a. About class and instructor
 - b. Why use a shield and it's benefits
 - c. Goals for class
 - d. Safety brief

- II. Range Demonstration and application at 5-yard line
 - a. Reload Drill (5 times)
 - b. Malfunction drill.
 - c. Stove pipe
 - d. Movement
 - e. Barricade shooting

Low Light Portion. Complete the daytime course of fire but in darkness.

- III. Demonstrate and discuss weapon light manipulation

Equipment Needed:

- 1. Duty Belt
- 2. Handgun w/tactical light
- 3. Rifle w/tactical light
- 4. Ear and eye protection
- 5. Ballistic Vest
- 6. Approx. 400 handgun rounds
- 7. Approx. 30 rifle rounds

Day 2

Location: JPA Tac Village

- I. Solo officer response with ballistic shield
 - a. Student Application of solo officer clear
- II. 2 Officer Response with shield
 - a. Student application of 2 officer response with a shield
- III. 2 Shield movements
 - a. Application
 - i. Students will clear hallway utilizing multiple shields
- IV. Emergency Entry utilizing a shield
 - a. Application
- V. Vehicle approaches
 - a. Application
 - i. 2 officer approaches to vehicle utilizing a shield

- VI. Scenarios
 - a. Solo Officer response to active shooter
 - b. 2 Officers Response to Active shooter
 - c. Emergency Entry with shield

Equipment Needed

1. Duty belt
2. Ballistic Shield
3. Simmunition handgun
4. Simmunition ammunition
5. Head, throat and groin protection
6. Gloves
7. Tactical Light for handgun