

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