Solo Officer Response-Rapid Deployment

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8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
University of Illinois - Springfield
Public Affairs Center (PAC)
2200 Ernest Hemmingway Drive
(use parking lot B)
Springfield, IL 62703

This course is pending ILETSB approval and certification for the following mandates:
Civil Rights, Use of force: De-escalation, Law Concerning Stops, Searches, and Use of Force, Officer Safety Techniques

Course overview: This one-day, 8-hour instructor course is designed to train officers to perform solo officer response rapid deployment/immediate action tactics. The focus of this program will be to provide officers with the knowledge and specialized tactical skills to perform solo officer rapid deployment/immediate action.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Rapid deployment/immediate action is the swift and immediate deployment of law enforcement resources to a life-threatening active threat situation. These situations require immediate action and the rapid deployment of law enforcement. Failure to act has catastrophic consequences resulting in death and/or great bodily harm to innocent people. These incidents may also necessitate the immediate and rapid deployment of personnel to contain and prevent the escape of an armed and dangerous offender, or rescue a downed officer and/or civilian. Topics to be addressed include:

• Individual movement
• Individual room clearing tactics
• Use-of-force and safety priorities
• Equipment and identification requirements
• Linking up with other first responders and integration of other personnel and agencies
• Verbal skills
COURSE GOALS: The goals of this course are as follows:

- To review and study workplace and school shooting incidents, including a detailed debrief of numerous recent incidents where solo officer response rapid deployment tactics have been applicable and utilized.
- To provide students with an understanding of why solo officer response rapid deployment/immediate action techniques were developed and the need for them to be integrated into law enforcement tactics.
- To assist participants in developing an awareness of the critical elements which constitutes an active threat and when the use of solo officer response rapid deployment/immediate action tactics are appropriate and necessary.
- To identify and discuss use-of-force and safety priority issues related to rapid deployment/immediate action incidents, including immediate defense of life, law, police, procedure, and established safety priorities.
- To provide students with an inventory of appropriate equipment to be used when conducting these types of operations, including issues related to weapon and ammunition selection and uniform/identification requirements.
- To assist participants in demonstrating practical knowledge and ability while performing solo officer response movement techniques, room clearing, verbal skills, firearms handling/deployment skills, and actions upon contact.
- To allow students the opportunity to participate in realistic scenario-based training and demonstrate their ability to perform solo officer response rapid deployment/immediate action critical skills.

COURSE PREREQUISITES: Sworn law enforcement officers currently employed by a unit of government. While not mandatory, it is suggested that departments enroll officers in this program that have had previous instruction in basic tactical pistol and patrol rifle skills and have passed the 24-hour “Rapid Deployment” End User Course. This is a dynamic, fast-paced course geared towards officers who already have a basic knowledge of tactical firearms handling/deployment and patrol tactics.

Instructor: Bruce Liebe is a 30-year veteran of law enforcement, serving 25 years with the Illinois State Police. With the ISP, he was assigned to the Tactical Response Team (SWAT) for 13 years, serving as statewide program coordinator, assistant team leader and entry team member. At retirement, he was assigned as deputy chief of staff in ISP’s Division of Operations. He served an assistant professor of homeland security and senior director of the School of Professional Studies and at MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Illinois. He is a member of the National Tactical Officers Association and the Illinois Tactical Officers Association. Bruce is a featured author for the National Tactical Officers journal, The Tactical Edge, where he has contributed 21 articles to date centering on tactical training, tactical program administration, and operations planning and management. He consults internationally on these topics.
Liebe presently operates Paladin Tactical LLC which offers training and consulting services. He is certified by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board as an Active Threat Master Instructor and is certified by the Force Science Institute as a Realistic De-Escalation Instructor. Liebe holds an A.A.S. in Criminal Justice from Illinois Valley Community College, a B.A. in Criminal Justice and an M.A. in Legal Studies from the University of Illinois at Springfield. He is a graduate of the Southern Police Institute, Administrative Officers Course at the University of Louisville.

**Non-Member Tuition:** No tuition is required for this class due to grant funding by Homeland Security

**To Register:** Email registration to register@letac.org. You may also fill out and submit our online registration form through the website at www.letac.org or call 217-726-7014 to register by phone (be sure to include all pertinent information). **MTU#10 Law Enforcement members who are under the mandate requirements will be given priority on state mandated courses and then MTU#10 local members. If it is not a mandated course, all MTU# 10 local members will be given registration preference until seven days prior to the date of class. After that date, registrations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis, regardless of MTU status. We cannot accept registrations from individual officers. All registrations must go through your Chief, Sheriff, or department training office, even if you are attending class on your own time.**

**Cancellation:** If a class must be canceled for any reason, every effort will be made to do so at least 2 weeks before the class is scheduled to begin. However, there are circumstances where last minute cancellation is out of our control. All officers who have been registered for training will be contacted at the email address given at registration, so please be sure to provide an email address which is checked often.