



CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF TACTICAL OFFICERS

## SWAT Commander Course

**Date:** October 12-16, 2026  
**POST Control #:** 1185-23030-26001  
**POST Plan:** IV  
**Tuition:** \$700.00  
**Location:** Best Western Island Palms Hotel and Marina  
2051 Shelter Island Drive  
San Diego, CA 92106  
(619) 222-0561

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This 40-hour course will address the various duties and responsibilities associated with the assignment as a Tactical Team Commander. Topics include:

- Leadership
- Liability
- Mission planning and review
- Public perception
- Tactical case reviews
- Penal Code 13514.1
- POST SWAT Operational Guidelines and Standardized Training Recommendations

**COURSE INSTRUCTORS:** Tenured command level officers with experience as SWAT commanders on active teams who possess decades of combined SWAT experience. The instructors will share their leadership experiences related to operations, administration, and personnel management of a special operations unit.

**STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO BRING:** A laptop computer to review documents and prepare presentations, a copy of the agency's SWAT policies and procedures/guidelines, and a copy of the agency's threat assessment matrix.

**LODGING:** Class will begin at 0800 hours on the first day and conclude at 1200 hours on the last day. CATO has secured a block of rooms at the Island Palms Hotel and Marina at the government rate of \$155.00 per night plus tax. Please make reservations on or before September 23, 2026 by calling (619) 222-0561 and advise the hotel that you are with the CATO SWAT Commander Course to secure this rate or by using this link [https://www.bestwestern.com/en\\_US/book/hotel-rooms.05326.html?groupId=5W7EH6M9](https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.05326.html?groupId=5W7EH6M9).

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