



CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF TACTICAL OFFICERS

## Less Lethal Instructor Course

**Date:** January 25-26, 2027  
**POST Control #:** 1185-30985-26002  
**POST Plan:** IV  
**Tuition:** \$427.00  
**Location:** Santa Maria Police Department  
1111 Betteravia Rd  
Santa Maria, CA 93455

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This course will provide students with the knowledge, skills, and abilities to instruct their department members in the use of less lethal weapons in patrol, custody, tactical, and crowd control environments. This course provides legislative update information regarding use of force and the deployment of less lethal munitions in a crowd control environment (AB 48).

**COURSE INSTRUCTORS:** The course instructors have extensive experience in the training and deployment of less lethal weapons. Each instructor has a minimum of ten years of tactical experience, in addition to years of instructional experience. The instructor cadre was selected from throughout the State, providing students with the advantage of regional perspectives as it applies to team size, capabilities, and community concerns regarding the use of less lethal munitions.

### STUDENTS MUST:

- Bring an agency less lethal launching platform and a minimum of five (5) training munitions.
- A laptop, tablet, or other device to prepare a presentation in addition to a flash drive.
- Pass a CATO less lethal qualification course.
- Successfully run less lethal qualifications under the supervision of an instructor.
- Conduct a 10 to 15-minute team presentation on an assigned less lethal topic.
- Pass a 25 questions final exam with a minimum score of 80%.
- Bring hearing protection, clear eyes, BDU style uniform, and launcher cleaning supplies.

**TRAVEL AND LODGING:** This course will begin at 0800 on the first day and conclude at approximately 1700 on the last day. There is not a host hotel for this course.

**Register online at [catotraining.org](https://catotraining.org)**

**Questions? Contact CATO's Training Coordinator**

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