



CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF TACTICAL OFFICERS

Less Lethal/Diversionsary Device Update

Date: January 29, 2027

POST Control #: 1185-21920-26001

POST Plan: N/A

Tuition: \$274.00

Location: Santa Maria Police Department
1111 W Betteravia Rd
Santa Maria, CA93455

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course provides current less-lethal and diversionary device instructors with updated knowledge, techniques, and hands-on training to teach other officers in the safe, legal, and effective use of less-lethal impact weapons and diversionary devices

COURSE INSTRUCTORS: The course instructors have extensive experience in the training and deployment of less lethal weapons and diversionary devices in the tactical environment. 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 and diversionary devices.

STUDENTS MUST:

- Bring a laptop, tablet or other device to develop a presentation in addition to a flash drive.
- Successfully run drills under the supervision of an instructor.
- Conduct a 5-minute presentation on an assigned less lethal/diversionary device topic.
- Pass a 20 questions final exam with a minimum score of 80%.
- Bring two (2) agency-issued diversionary devices.
- Bring an agency less lethal launching platform and a minimum of five (5) training munitions.
- Bring deployable tactical gear, including vest, helmet, hearing protection, clear eyes, BDU-style uniform, and fire-retardant gloves

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

Register online at catotraining.org

**Questions? Contact CATO's Training Coordinator
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