

2022 RMTTA Tactical Conference

August 8-12, 2022



# Welcome to the 2022 Rocky Mountain Tactical Team Association Vendor Show and Training Conference

On behalf of the RMTTA Board of Directors and Staff, I welcome you to the 2022 Rocky Mountain Tactical Team Association's annual vendor show and training conference.

What a difference a year makes. Last year we tried out the idea of increasing the conference to 5 days instead of three to give Officers the ability to increase their skill set by attending more than one class during the week. Because we have such dedicated professionals on the RMTTA Board of Directors and staff, we accomplished this and can offer it again this year.

In a profession where it seems like we are under fire from all sides, we must continue to train and grow to keep ourselves, and the public whom we are sworn to protect, safe.

We ask that you take a moment to self-reflect, check your ego at the door, and take this opportunity to step outside your comfort zone so you can take advantage of the opportunities for networking along with the opportunity to attend classes that will provide you will life-saving knowledge and skills.

It is with this mindset that the RMTTA Board of Directors are committed to promoting character and professionalism through training excellence.



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# Leadership

August 9 & 10 (Session A) and 11 & 12 (Session B), 2022

## HRLETF

**Course Requirements:** Currently assigned as a SWAT commander or team leader, or will be soon.

This course is designed for law enforcement personnel who are responsible for deploying in the capacity as a SWAT Team Leader or as a supervisor who is responsible for the training and deployment of tactical teams. The focus of this training will be on pre-incident training, planning, organizing, and the tactical decision-making process used in the resolution of high-risk operations. Attendees will participate in-group discussions, plus critique and evaluate tactics and decisions based on a principle based SWAT decision-making process.

### Individual Equipment List:

- Note Taking Material
- Thumb Drive with at least 4GB of storage

### Course Prerequisites:

Current LE / Gov credentials.

### Instructor Bio:

Fred Meyer is a commander at the Greeley Police Department. Fred started his career as a police officer with the Greeley Police Department in 1986 after attending the University of Northern Colorado. In 1989 Fred became a member of the SWAT Team, and was assigned to the Entry element. Fred was promoted to sergeant in 1995, and continued his association with the SWAT Team as an Entry element leader. In early 2018, Fred was promoted to lieutenant, later reclassified to commander. He has enjoyed several different assignments in the department, including the Patrol Tactical Unit, the Investigations Section, School Resource Officer Unit, the Traffic Enforcement Unit, and supervision over the arrest and control program. Fred has been an arrest and control instructor, active shooter instructor, SWAT course instructor, instructs for the National Tactical Officers Association, and is a Western Director for the NTOA.

**Lieutenant DAN MURPHY** is with Fort Collins Police Services in Colorado. He has been a police officer since 1984 and a supervisor since 1996. He has been assigned to supervisory positions in Patrol Operations, a County Drug Task Force, and the Criminal Impact/Fugitive Unit. He was assigned to SWAT Operations as the SWAT Sergeant full-time for 10 ½ years. Lt. Murphy was promoted from SWAT in May of 2015; he has been a SWAT Team Leader since 1995 and has been a SWAT officer since 1991. Lt. Murphy's Lieutenant assignments have included the Professional Standards Unit, Patrol Watch Commander and currently is the Special Operations Commander of the SWAT team, the K-9 Unit and Bomb team liaison. Lt. Murphy is an experienced instructor in Basic and Advanced SWAT, Mobile Field Force Tactics, High Risk Patrol Tactics, Warrant Service and Less Lethal Munitions. He has been a National Tactical Officers Association (NTOA) instructor since 1999 and currently teaches Basic/Advanced SWAT, Less-Lethal Projectiles/F.S.D.D./Chemical Agent instructor classes, Leadership & Commander/Team Leader courses plus Active Shooter Tactics for National Tactical Officers Association.

# Tactical Carbine/Pistol

August 9 & 10 (Session A) and 11 & 12 (Session B), 2022

## HRLETF Range 8

### **Course Requirements:** LE / GOV

Tactical Rifle/Pistol: Is designed to bring flat range training and real-world critical incident management into one training venue. The focus of “Task v. Priority” and “Quality v. Quantity” will be taught through shooting applications. Shooter will learn to focus on targets and beyond while managing multiple shoot and no shoot targets to prepare them for real world encounters that occur in public venues.

### **Individual Equipment List:**

- 500 rounds of Carbine ammunition
- 250 rounds of handgun ammunition
- 3 magazines for each (Handgun/Carbine)
- Tactical belt
- Plate carrier and helmet for movements.
- All other necessary range gear you will need (ears/eyes/cleaning stuff....).
- This course will have some physical events, all shooters will be shooting from various positions, ensure you are wearing appropriate clothing for moving and being on the ground.

### **Course Prerequisites:**

Current LE / Gov credentials.

Able to demonstrate and employ safe weapons handling during courses of fire.

### **Instructor Bio:**

R. Gonzales, is a current SWAT member in Colorado where he teaches firearms and CQB for both his team and other local units. He has been in LE for 12 years and spent 16 year in military with 10 years in Special Operations as a Special Forces Medic and conducted multiple deployments overseas. He has been through some of the military's most advanced shooting and CQB courses and brings those skills to a law enforcement application.

Lieutenant Jason Hess has been employed with the El Paso County Sheriff's Office for 25 years. He has served in the Special Operations Section a majority of his career and spent 17 years as a Member of the SWAT Team. He held various roles to include Team Leader and Team Sergeant. He has been a Firearms Instructor for over 18 years and instructs in various areas across the state to include CSOC, Law Enforcement Academies and internally with the Sheriff's Office. As a Lieutenant now, Jason is assigned to Patrol, midnight shift and is the Team Commander for the Patrol Designated Marksman Team. Jason is also the Southeastern Regional Rep and a Board Member for the RMTTA.

# Designated Marksman User Course

August 9 & 10 (Session A) and 11 & 12 (Session B), 2022

## HRLETF Range 6

### **Course Requirements:** LE / GOV

Basic instruction in an agency designated marksman rifle course for an end user. Course will cover day and dim light shooting to distances out to 300 yards. Additionally, discussion will cover equipment requirements and zeroing.

### **Individual Equipment List:**

- AR15 weapon system with a magnified optic and sling
- 3 rifle magazines
- Duty belt with handgun and 3 magazines
- Weapon mounted light or handheld flashlight for rifle
- Eye and ear protection
- Appropriate clothing and equipment for range training, including water. 750 rounds of 5.56 ammo
- 100 rounds of handgun ammo

### **Course Prerequisites:**

Current LE Officer certified in with handgun and LE rifle. Demonstrate competence with basic handgun and rifle manipulation and usage.

### **Instructor Bio:**

El Paso County Deputy Mark Stevens: Colorado POST certified firearms instructor (basic / rifle) since 2004. Current member of the Colorado Firearms SME Committee.

# Armored Vehicle Operations

August 9, 10 & 11, 2022

## HRLETF

### **Course Requirements:** LE / GOV

This is an in depth course that will prepare the tactical team with the proper method in which the vehicles should be tactically deployed.

### **Individual Equipment List:**

- 200 rounds of Carbine ammunition
- 25 rounds of Simunition ammunition
- Simunition equipment – Carbine bolt
- Deployment Gear
- Gas Mask
- All other necessary range gear you will need (ears/eyes/cleaning stuff....).

### **Course Prerequisites:**

Current LE / Gov credentials.

Able to demonstrate and employ safe weapons handling during courses of fire.

### **Instructor Bio:**

Sergeant George Creamer has recently retired from law enforcement after thirty-two years of service with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Mr. Creamer possesses a diverse expertise in a variety of law enforcement disciplines. Mr. Creamer has worked patrol in the high profile areas of South Central Los Angeles for ten years, five of those years as a Training Officer. Mr. Creamer was promoted to Detective in the Narcotics division and worked numerous cases involving narcotic and weapons violations.

Due to Mr. Creamer's tenacity for hard work and his long desire to be a member of one of the most respected and elite law enforcement tactical teams in the world, he applied and was accepted to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Departments Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB). Mr. Creamer's fifteen- year tenure on the tactical team has given him extensive hands on experience in all facets of Special Weapons. He regularly handled high-risk warrants, barricaded subjects, hostage rescues, active shooters and high-risk vehicle/pedestrian interceptions.

# Tactical Dispatch

August 11 & 12, 2022 (Session B)

## HRLETF

### **Course Requirements: LE / GOV**

Attendees will be trained in Dispatch support during Tactical operations

### **Individual Equipment List:**

Note taking material

### **Course Prerequisites:**

Current LE / Gov credentials.

### **Instructor Bio:**

Longmont Sergeant Doug Ross has been on the Longmont SWAT team for 28 years, with 14 of those years being in the role of Team Commander/Emergency Communications Supervisor. Sergeant Ross was also the Tactical Dispatch Team Leader for 12 years.



# K9 Course

August 9, 10, 11, & 12, 2022

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## **Course Requirements: LE / GOV**

This training seminar will use K-9 and SWAT tactics to acclimate dogs to critical incidents using exposure-based methods. The dogs will be exposed to: tight-quarters, chemical agents, distraction devices, forty millimeter multi-launcher, less lethal shotgun, drone exposure building searches, and vehicle extractions. The seminar will emphasize the importance of communication and socialization between team members.

**Day 1-** Discussion of current SWAT/K9 deployment trends and issues / Bite work, problem solving issues related to environments and control work / Exposures to less lethal options, robots and drones.

**Day 2-** Exposures to Diversionary devices and Gas / Exposure to team movements

**Day 3-** Building search scenarios

**Day 4-** Open area scenarios and vehicle entries

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## **Individual Equipment List:**

Full SWAT kit, gas mask, muzzle, K9 vests, unit decoys

## **Instructor Bio:**

Sergeant Brian Hempelmann started his law enforcement career in 1994. He has been a K9 handler since December of 1997. In 2002 he attended a K9 trainer's course at Vohne Liche Kennels. Sergeant Hempelmann has trained numerous multipurpose K9's in the disciplines of control, explosives, narcotics, tracking, evidence recovery, and building and area searches. Since 2010 Sergeant Hempelmann has been a Subject Matter Expert (SME) for the Department of Defense through TSWG and EXCET. He has worked numerous projects for specified end users within the DOD. He was involved in the creation of an HME program for military and law enforcement. He was a member of a small group of handlers that created the Colorado Police Canine Association. He is currently a judge and member of the Colorado Police Canine Association. He has been a member of the Westminster SWAT team as a K9 operator for 10years. He currently is working a multipurpose explosive K9 assigned to patrol and SWAT.

Billy Sawyer became a police officer after leaving the United States Navy. Billy first joined the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (Jacksonville FL) in 2008. In 2010, he joined a tactical narcotics team that specialized in the service of search warrants, vehicle assaults, and buy bust operations. Billy was hired by the Longmont Police Department and started in January of 2013. In 2014, he joined the Longmont Police Department SWAT team. Billy became a K9 handler and was attached to the SWAT team as the primary SWAT dog for SWAT operations. Billy has since promoted to Sgt and is the supervisor of a patrol team. Billy is still a K9 handler and attached to the SWAT team. Billy is currently the K9 Unit Trainer for the Longmont Police Department K9 Unit. He went through trainer school at Tarheel Canine in North Carolina and has attended numerous courses in reference to tactical operations, High Risk K9 Deployments, Scenario Based Training, Legal Training, Numerous Decoy Schools, and numerous K9 Conferences to further his education.

# Urban Gunfighter

August 9 & 10 (Session A) and 11 & 12, 2022 (Session B)

## HRLETF Range 5

### **Course Requirements:** LE / GOV

Intermediate to Advanced Carbine and Pistol Course focusing on fighting in and around Cover and Vehicles. Course includes variety shooting tactics and positions utilized around vehicles as well as 2 man and Team tactics used while employing Carbine and Pistol. Course covers ballistic theory involving shooting through glass, shooting techniques and positions inside and outside vehicles as well as contingencies of gunfights around them, one hand manipulation with both Carbine and Pistol.

### **Individual Equipment List:**

TBD

### **Instructor Bio:**

DAN BROKOS is a retired Army Sergeant Major with decades of Special Forces experience through multiple deployments to every significant hotspot over those years. That hard-earned knowledge has been passed down to the next generation of SOF during Dan's multiple stints as a lead instructor of the Army Green Beret School. Dan currently operates his own tactical training and gear company, [LEAD FAUCET TACTICAL](#).

# Manual, Mechanical, Ballistic Breaching Course

August 9 & 10 (Session A) and 11 & 12, 2022 (Session B)

## Lockheed Martin Pistol Range

### **Course Requirements:** LE / GOV

Introduction to methods of breaching, responsibilities/characteristics of a breacher, tactical considerations with breaching and 4th amendment issues related to breaching

### **Individual Equipment List:**

- Law Enforcement ID BDU style uniform with long sleeves
- Boots
- Gloves
- Eye protection
- Hearing protection
- Helmet
- Body armor
- Handgun
- Knife (folding or fixed)
- Manual breaching tools used by your team (Ram or sledge, Haligan tool, bolt cutters)
- Shotgun with breaching standoff
- Frangible breaching rounds (40 per student, any brand acceptable)

### **Course Prerequisites:**

Current LE / Gov credentials.

### **Instructor Bio:**

Jonathan Lovins is a sergeant with the Avon Police Department where he has worked for the past nineteen years. He has been part of the Eagle County Special Operations Unit for fifteen years serving as an operator, breacher and is certified through TEES as a Manual, Mechanical, & Ballistic Breaching Instructor.

# Ground Tactics for Law Enforcement

August 9, 10, & 11, 2022

## HRLETF

### **Course Requirements:** LE / GOV

Three day course which covers ground fighting tactics for LEOs including confined spaces, ground avoidance measures, and ground techniques allowed under SB217.

### **Individual Equipment List:**

Athletic clothing, shorts and T-shirt, and hoodie which all may be ripped. MMA gloves, mouth guard, and cup encouraged, but not necessary.

### **Course Prerequisites:**

ACT/DT Instructors recommended. Familiarity with ground techniques (wrestling or Jiu Jitsu).

### **Instructor BIO:**

Sergeant Justin Dodge, of the Denver Police Department, has been a student of martial arts for 27 years. He holds black belts in both Judo and Jiu Jitsu. Justin has also been in Law Enforcement for 25 years, and has been assigned to DPD's METRO SWAT for 17 years. He was one of the owners/instructors of The Jit Pit prior to the business falling victim to COVID.

# Crisis Negotiations For SWAT Operators/Supervisors & Patrol Supervisors

August 9 & 10, 2022

## DCSO Highlands Ranch Substation

### **Course Requirements: LE / GOV**

SWAT officers respond to hostage/barricaded incidents and often deal with suicidal individuals, (some of whom intend to force officers to take their life). Crisis Negotiations for SWAT Officers/Supervisors & Patrol Supervisors is a two-day course which provides operators/supervisors with an overview of role of crisis negotiators, negotiation techniques, tactical & CNT relationships, suicide intervention, suicide by cop, and case studies showing SWAT/CNT working together. It also provides SWAT officers with a basic understanding and communication ideas should they encounter a barricaded/suicidal subject and CNT personnel are not present. Additionally, the course is ideal for patrol supervisors as the curriculum provides a framework for responding to these type of critical incidents.

### **Individual Equipment List:**

Note Taking Materials

### **Instructor BIO:**

Dennis Flynn served with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, (LVMPD), for over 30 years, retiring in the fall of 2015 as a Lieutenant assigned to the Robbery Section and also as the Team Leader of their Crisis Negotiation Team. After his retirement from LVMPD, Dennis authored a book, detailing his experiences as a crisis negotiator, titled Held Hostage: Negotiating Life and Death for the Las Vegas Police Department. The book chronicles hostage/suicidal incidents, providing details of the incident, how they were handled, and an honest assessment on lessons learned, (with photographs included). During his time as a negotiator, Dennis taught in numerous crisis negotiation schools, for his own agency, others in Southern Nevada, and for the Las Vegas office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He is a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Crisis Negotiation Course in Quantico, Virginia and had the honor of presenting incident debriefs to their school. He has also provided crisis negotiation training to several other law enforcement agencies throughout the United States and served as a guest speaker for the California Association of Hostage Negotiators, National Tactical Officer Association, Baltimore Hostage Negotiation Seminar, Calgary Canada Hostage Negotiation Seminar, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation – Chicago. Dennis's work has been published in the National Tactical Officer Association's magazine, The Tactical Edge. In April 2018, Dennis returned to policing and was hired as a Commander with the Commerce City Police Department in Colorado. He currently serves as the Commander over the Investigations section. He is also the team leader for the Crisis Negotiation Team and oversees the agency's Peer Support team. Additionally, he remains an instructor with Crisis Systems Management, a company which teaches hostage/crisis negotiations throughout the United States.

# Counter Ambush/High Risk Event Tactics for Patrol/SWAT

August 9 & 10 (Session A), and 11 & 12, (Session B), 2022

## HRLETF

### **Course Requirements:** LE / GOV

Decision making and tactical maneuvering concerning counter ambush and high risk incident considerations

### **Individual Equipment List:**

Simmunition weapons (if available) 100 sim rounds- pistol and rifle.

Eye and ear protection.

Long sleeve shirt and gun belt.

### **Instructor BIO:**

Instructors from the Aurora Police SWAT Team have many combined years as SWAT team members, leaders and supervisors. The instructors are currently assigned to a 24 person full time team and have instructed many SWAT disciplines to include CQB, HRT, Vehicle assaults (VBAR), breaching, etc.

# Red Dot Pistol Instructor Class

August 9 & 10 (Session A) and 11 & 12 (Session B), 2022

## HRLETF

### **Course Requirements: LE / GOV**

The Red Dot Pistol Instructor course is designed to certify a law enforcement handgun instructor in the techniques necessary to develop and implement a red dot pistol program at their agency. Topics covered include RDS and handgun selection considerations; policy development considerations; red dot handgun drills unique to transitioning from iron sights to RDS.

### **Individual Equipment List:**

- Duty pistol with a mounted red dot sight
- Duty holster
- At least three magazines
- 500 rounds of ammunition
- Hearing and eye protection
- Range attire

### **Course Prerequisites:**

LE Department recognized handgun instructor

Red dot experience preferred, but not required

### **Instructor BIO:**

Officer Lee Gizzi is a 10-year veteran of the Castle Rock Police Department and a 21-year veteran of the United States Army. He has been a firearms instructor for Castle Rock PD since 2012 and has been teaching red dot pistol optics since 2019. Lee was one of two instructors that developed Castle Rock PD's 30-hour red dot pistol transition course. He has instructed over 50 law enforcement officers in red dot pistol optics. Additionally, Lee is a firearms and red dot pistol instructor for the Arapahoe Community College Law Enforcement Training Academy and the Highlands Ranch Law Enforcement Training Academy. Officer Gizzi has attended the SIG SAUER Academy Pistol Mounted Optics Instructor Course, the Sage Dynamics Red Dot Pistol Instructor Course, the Centrifuge Red Dot Instructor Course, the National Law Enforcement Instructors Association Red Dot Pistol Instructor Course, the El Paso County Sheriff's Office Red Dot Pistol Instructor Course and the Modern Samurai Project Red Dot Pistol Fundamentals and Performance Course.

# Glock Armorer

August 9, 2022

## **Course Requirements:** LE / GOV

Understand and be able to explain the design features of the GLOCK Safe Action System

Demonstrate the knowledge and ability to maintain, troubleshoot and service all GLOCK pistols by passing the Practical Examination and by scoring a minimum of 80% on the written examination

## **Individual Equipment List:**

Student provides Safety Glasses and a small flashlight

## **Course Prerequisites:**

To be eligible to take the Armorers Course you must be active/retired law enforcement or military, private security, GLOCK Stocking Dealer/Range Program Employee or current GSSF member.

## **Instructor BIO:**

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# RMTTA Gear



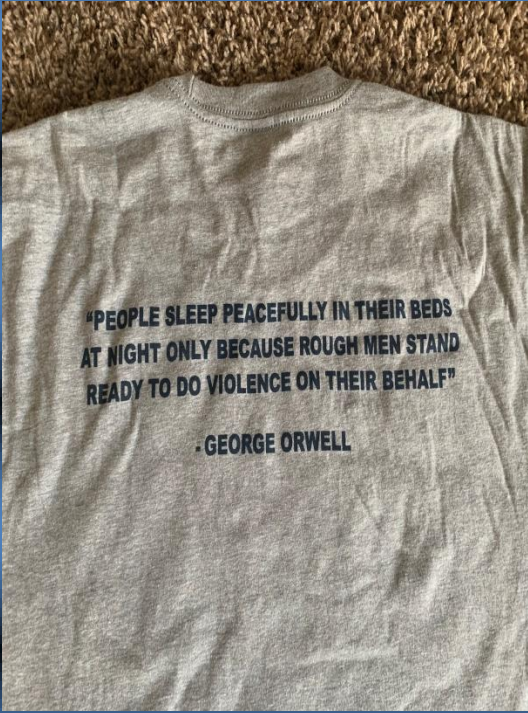
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