



HOST AGENCY: ST. PETERS POLICE DEPARTMENT

TACTICAL STREET ENFORCEMENT & VIOLENT FORCE ENCOUNTERS

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TRAINING COST

\$400

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Register at www.PATC.com or [click here](#) to view more course information and register.

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course provides law enforcement officers with essential tools to maintain control during encounters while prioritizing safety, proactive tactics, and public trust. Participants will explore strategies to manage stress, assess suspect behavior, and apply search and seizure case law. The training includes tactical considerations for traffic stops and service calls, communication techniques for compliance, and methods for documenting incidents effectively for reviews and court proceedings, ensuring professionalism and preparedness in high-stakes situations.

TRAINING LOCATION

St. Peters Justice Center

1020 Grand Teton
St. Peters, MO 63376

HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

Drury Inn & Suites
170 Mid Rivers Mall Circle
St. Peters, MO 63376
Contact Hotel for State Govt. Rate

QUESTIONS?

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TYLER SUTHERLAND
Instructor

Tactical Street Enforcement & Violence Force Encounters

Instructor: Tyler Sutherland- Detective Tyler Sutherland has been a police officer for over 15 years with the Battle Creek Police Department, in Battle Creek MI. He is currently assigned to his police department's Detective Bureau. Before being promoted to Detective, Tyler Sutherland worked as a road patrol officer for five years, and then assigned to the police department's Gang Suppression Unit for 8 years. Tyler received his bachelor's degree from Adrian College, while majoring in criminal justice, and a minor in psychology.

As a member of the Gang Unit and Detective Bureau, Tyler Sutherland has been the lead investigator in a number of gang and violent crime cases involving cell phone investigations, drug investigations, writing and executing search warrants, surveillance techniques, undercover drug buys, and managing confidential informants. These investigations resulted in several hours of courtroom trial experiences, and jury convictions.

While participating in all aspects of gang investigations and court room prosecution, Detective Sutherland, has been qualified as, and testified as a gang expert, in Federal U.S. District Court, Michigan State Circuit Court, and Michigan State District Court, more than 15 times in his police career. One of these gang cases was the first criminal gang enhancement jury conviction in the State of Michigan since the state statute was created. The Michigan State Supreme Court placed its first opinion on the record about gang expert testimony in the state of Michigan, as a result of Detective Sutherland's testimony.

In addition, Detective Tyler Sutherland has also been recognized in Michigan State District Court and Circuit Court as an expert in drug trafficking, identifying armed subjects, and cell phone records analyses. Detective Sutherland is a Defensive Tactics Instructor, Firearms Instructor, a Patrol Training Officer, and an adjunct teaching instructor at Kellogg Community College Police Academy. After several hundred hours of training, education, research, and on the job experience, Tyler has developed several Law Enforcement Training Courses related to Officer Safety Tactics, Hybrid Street Gangs, and Courtroom Testimony.

Course Description

More control in the beginning of a police-citizen encounter often results in less force used at the end. Unfortunately, due to recent events over the past few years, many officers have inadvertently sacrificed their safety and tactics due to the creation of an "Occupational Liability Perspective." The creation and persuasion of this mindset has caused law enforcement officers to react slower, use less reasonable control techniques, and place themselves, and citizens in some cases, in more harm and danger. This class will break down case studies, research, criminal case law, mental mindset, and physical performance habits; that allow current law enforcement officers to still incorporate proactive criminal enforcement techniques and safety tactics, while maintaining the trust and legitimacy to the citizens they protect and serve every day.

This class is intended for law enforcement officers assigned to patrol, tactical teams, specialized investigative teams, and street enforcement teams. Officers that attend this class will examine with the instructor how their body physiologically reacts to occupational stressors and violent force encounters. The instructors will detail the science behind how an officer's performance will be impacted by the mental management of these stressors, and tips to control the physiology of their nervous system.

Criminal suspects display these same traits when they are attempting to avoid police contact and police apprehension.

This class will break down a Behavioral Threat Assessment of a criminal suspect as they illustrate emotional leakage and mentally manage their way through a "Plan A to Plan B" to avoid arrest. The instructors will detail search and seizure case law, case study examples of Investigative Detention, and High Liability Use of Force Tactics for law enforcement officers to control a subject during this type of encounter.

When an officer is involved in Tactical Street Enforcement, or a Violent Force Encounter, they need to describe and document reasonable details of what they experienced. These reasonable details are a necessity during administrative review, criminal court proceedings, and civil court depositions. This course will break down important details that need to be included and explained in a police report, and on the witness stand when involved in these types of complex incidents.

Course Objectives:

- Human reaction to stress and inoculation during violent force encounters.
- Threat assessments based on subject behavior, and reasonable Use of Force options.
- 4th amendment search and seizure tools to control the environment.

Tactical Street Enforcement & Violence Force Encounters

- Tactical considerations for Traffic Stops, Calls for Service, and Subject Encounters.
- Communication tactics for subject control and compliance.
- Detailing a reasonable picture of your experience in your Police Report.
- Use of Force training considerations and training scars at your agency.
- Mental mindset and mental preparation to win at work, and at home.

Course Length

Two Day Class, 8 hours each day, 16 total hours.

PREREQUISITES and AUDIENCE REQUIREMENTS

This class is intended for sworn law enforcement officers, and/or, prosecuting attorneys/district attorneys (Federal and State).

TEXT

Hand out containing pertinent course topics and information.

ATTENDANCE

Participants are expected to be punctual, prepared, and take an active role in participation for the duration of this course.

COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

Attendees must sign in each day of training and be present during instruction periods to receive a course certificate of completion.

DISCLAIMER

Information contained in this syllabus was, to the best knowledge of the instructor, considered correct and complete when distributed for use. The instructor reserves the right, acting in accordance with any standing departmental policies, to make changes in course content or instruction techniques without notice or obligation.

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

Identification, Notebook, and a pen/pencil.

Day One (8hrs)

- 0830 to 0930 Human reaction to stress and inoculation during violent force encounters.
- 0930 to 1130 – Threat assessment based on subject behavior, and reasonable Use of Force options.
- 1130 to 1230 – Lunch
- 1230 to 1430 – 4th amendment search and seizure tools to control the environment.
- 1430 to 1630 – Tactical considerations for Traffic Stops, Calls for Service, and Subject Encounters.

Day Two (8hrs)

- 0830 to 1030 – Tactical considerations for Traffic Stops, Calls for Service, and Subject Encounters (continued).
- 1030 to 1130 – Communication tactics for subject control and compliance.
- 1130 to 1230 – Lunch
- 1230 to 1330 – Detailing a reasonable picture of your experience in your Police Report.
- 1330 to 1430 – Use of Force training considerations and training scars at your agency.
- 1430 to 1630 – Mental mindset and mental preparation to win at work, and at home