

TACTICAL WOODLAND OPERATIONS SCHOOL, LLC

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HIGH-RISK WOODLAND OPERATIONS COURSE (LEVEL II)

OVERVIEW

This course builds on our Level I course. **Level II** offers the officer/team a deeper look into the art and science of tracking and its tactical advantage in high-risk operations that occur in a woodland or rural environment. The basic skill sets of Tactical Movement, Visual Tracking, Land Navigation, and Principles of Camouflage are covered as in Level I; however, Level II adds Command and Control, multiple threat scenarios, multiple team operations, and complex operations that require advanced tactics and operational planning. A variety of training methodology is used in the course, including classroom lecture, drills, field exercises, AAR, and case study. In **Level II**, the officer/team will receive the following:

Tactical Movement: Training in this unit focuses on expanding the student's knowledge of tactical team formations and how these formations are adapted to terrain, vegetation and threat conditions. Teams will work in support of one another, practicing bounding over-watch, traveling over-watch, L- Shaped take-down, and tactical patrol. The student will use formations to conduct a fugitive follow-up, clear danger areas, and execute woodland arrest techniques.

Visual Tracking: During this segment of the training, the student will receive in-depth instruction in the value of tracking as both an apprehension and an investigation tool. Evidence recovery, the aging of sign, following a line of sign, elimination tracking, lost sign procedures, crime scene identification and reconstruction, and becoming an expert witness will be some of the skills taught.

Command and Control: Participants will plan a sign-cutting and follow-up operation. The team will develop and implement a hasty plan for complex high-risk woodland operations. Participants will be required to develop and execute communications, logistics, and containment plans. They will also conduct a threat assessment, utilize a resources plan, and determine probability of detection using terrain association techniques and intelligence reports.

Land Navigation: The student will be required to utilize the following: topographic maps, coordinate systems, compass, GPS, mapping systems, declination, route planning, terrain association and resection in order to plan and implement fugitive follow-up operations. A prior working knowledge of land navigation is mandatory for **Level II**.

HOW THIS COURSE HAS BEEN USED:

Both individual officers as well as members of SWAT, sniper teams, military units, and counter assault teams have found this course necessary in the following operations:

- Counter-terrorism
- Rural surveillance operations
- High-risk warrant service
- Fugitive manhunts
- Counter-narcotics enforcement
- Border protection
- Wildlife poaching
- Prisoner recovery