



PATROL LEADER – TACTICAL OPERATIONS RURAL TERRAIN

PATROL LEADER – TACTICAL OPERATIONS RURAL TERRAIN (PL-TORT) is a 5-day / 50-hour off-the-shelf course that was developed to provide the requisite planning, command and control, and operational skills-set for organizations that require extended tactical operations in a hostile, non-permissive rural / wilderness environment.

This course is ideal for government, military, law enforcement, and tactical emergency medical support organizations who have a requirement for skills-set involving the pursuit of fleeing felons, counter-drug operations, marijuana eradication, rural crime investigations, hazardous waste dumping, eco-terrorism, immigration / border operations, counter-smuggling, counter-poaching, investigations of militant / separatist organizations, counter-terrorism, and infiltration of reconnaissance / surveillance, sniper / observer / and specialized assault / hostage rescue elements.

This formal training program is modeled from U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) training programs, including the U.S. Marine Corps Basic Reconnaissance Course (BRC), U.S. Army Ranger Course, and the U.S. Army Special Forces Qualification (SFQ) Course and is among the most comprehensive and progressive courses of its kind found outside of the U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM). Students will operate from a rural patrol base and participate in a variety of day and night full mission profile Situational Training Exercises (STXs).

Graduates of PL-TORT will be thoroughly qualified to lead, plan, coordinate, train personnel, and conduct extended rural / wilderness patrolling operations in a hostile / non-permissive environment while assuming a position as a patrol member. Instructors for this course will have operational experience from the following USSOCOM organizations:

- U.S. Marine Corps Force Reconnaissance (Force Recon) Company
- U.S. Marine Corps Division Reconnaissance Battalion
- U.S. Army Special Forces Operational Detachment – Alpha (ODA)
- U.S. Army Ranger Battalion

Course content includes, but is not limited to the following:

- Case studies
- Profile of rural tactical operations
- Command and control
- Warning order, patrol order, 5-paragraph operation order
- Operational planning
- Development of priority intelligence requirements (PIRs)
- Patrol base operations
- Land navigation w/ compass, map, and GPS
- Route planning
- Direct action and reconnaissance patrols
- Tactical radio and visual communications
- Reconnaissance and surveillance reporting
- Danger areas, counter ambush, immediate action, fire and maneuver
- Crossing water obstacles
- Rough terrain negotiation / rope bridges
- Night operations
- Use of night observation devices (NODS)
- Tactical formations and movement
- Mission planning, coordination, preparation, rehearsals, inspections
- Situational Training Exercises (STXs)



Accreditation:

Recce Group is approved and recognized by the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy (SCCJA) as an institutional service provider of training. Our InstSP number is 301. This course is approved by the SCCJA for 40 hours of continuing law enforcement education (CLEE) credit. The SCCJA lesson plan number is 1712.



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Prerequisites:

Course is restricted to U.S. government agencies and armed forces, U.S. Department of State-allied agencies and armed forces, law enforcement, public safety, security, and tactical emergency medical support organizations. Students must provide credentials verifying affiliation with above-listed organization(s). Minimum age for enrollment is 18.

Students should be in excellent physical condition and have no debilitating medical conditions or any medications that could affect physical ability and judgment.

Method of Evaluation:

Students must score 75% on a final written examination and successfully complete all performance objectives.

Mandatory Student Equipment:

Note: Equipment may be leased or purchased upon request and advance notice

- Woodland pattern camouflage BDUs (minimum 2 sets)
- Woodland pattern camouflage boonie cap with lanyard
- Tactical footwear, pair
- Rappelling / fast rope gloves, pair
- Load bearing belt / vest and tactical equipment (as per unit SOP)
- Canteens / hydration system
- Tactical belt
- Woodland pattern camouflage stick / paste
- Radio and headset / PTT
- Range bag (eye / ear protection, weapon cleaning kit)
- Lensatic or Silva Ranger compass
- (5) pair flex cuffs
- Patrol log and (2) pencils
- 20 foot length of 11mm climbing rope
- (3) Carabiners w/ locking gate (rated for climbing / rappelling)
- Wet / cold weather parka and cap
- Fixed blade knife w/ sheath
- Utility tool
- Flashlight w/ red/white lens (extra bulb and batteries)
- Rucksack (capable of 50 pounds)
- (4) meals, ready-to-eat
- Carbine w/ tactical sling
 - 400 rounds of live ammunition
 - 3 magazines
 - Ammunition pouches
 - Optics and tactical lights (if normally utilized)

Optional Student Equipment:

- Miscellaneous patrol equipment (as per organizational SOP)

Students Receive:

- Student manual
- Students will receive a graduation diploma upon successful completion of all performance objectives