

SNIPER OBSERVER – RURAL TERRAIN

SNIPER OBSERVER – RURAL TERRAIN is a 5-day / 50-hour off-the-shelf course that was developed to provide the advanced tactical skills-set for operating in a rural environment as a sniper observer / designated marksman element. This course is ideal for currently certified sniper observers as well as aspiring marksmen who desire to become sniper observers. The primary intent of the course is the development of the unique set of skills that are required to operate in high-risk, non-permissive rural environments such as woodland, desert, jungle, and mountainous terrain. Students will develop sniper observer and tactical field craft skills-set that will enable graduates to support counter-terrorism, anti-terrorism, force protection, defense, and/or law enforcement crisis intervention initiatives / operations.

This course is modeled from the Scout Sniper training programs of the U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) with an emphasis on the scout sniper programs of the U.S. Marine Corps Force Reconnaissance (Force Recon) Companies, Surveillance / Target Acquisition (STA) Platoons, and target interdiction programs of the U.S. Army Special Forces. Instructors for this course will possess leadership, operational, and training experience from one or more of the following organizations:

- U.S. Marine Corps Force Reconnaissance (Force Recon) Company
- U.S. Marine Corps Division Reconnaissance Battalion
- U.S. Marine Corps Surveillance / Target Acquisition (STA) / Scout Sniper Platoons
- U.S. Marine Corps Expeditionary Units - Special Operations Capable (MEUSOC)
- U.S. Army Special Forces
- U.S. Army Ranger Battalion
- Federal, state and municipal-level law enforcement special response teams

COURSE CONTENT includes, but is not limited to the following:

- Case studies
- Sniper observer mission profiles and organization
- Roles in counter-terrorism and anti-terrorism
- Force protection operations
- Rural camouflage, cover, and concealment
- Ghillie suit construction
- Rural hide selection and construction
- Land navigation, map reading
- Field craft
- Tactical patrolling
- Tactical diagramming
- Firing positions
- Infiltration and exfiltration
- Mission planning, coordination, intelligence development
- Reconnaissance, surveillance, reporting
- Tactical communications
- Sniper initiated assault planning
- Warning order, patrol order, operation order
- Combat marksmanship, high angle firing
- Ballistics
- Sniper logs and range cards
- Known distance firing
- Night / low light operations
- Situational Training Exercises (STXs)



ACCREDITATION:

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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.

- Tactical uniform / BDUs or Nomex assault /aviator suit
- Tactical footwear, pair
- Tactical gloves
- Boonie cap w/ lanyard
- Load bearing belt / vest and tactical equipment (as per unit SOP)
- Canteens / hydration system
- Camouflage stick / paste
- Knife / utility tool
- Wet / cold weather parka
- Tactical flashlight w/ red/white lens (extra bulb and batteries)
- Hand held compass (lensatic or Silva Ranger)
- (4) Meals Ready to Eat (MREs)
- Rucksack / backpack (Capable of 50 pounds)
- Precision rifle (iron sights or scoped)
 - Tactical sling
 - 300 rounds of live ammunition
 - Tactical sling
- Woodland pattern camouflage BDUs or OD Green flight suit (to be utilized in construction of ghillie suit)

OPTIONAL STUDENT EQUIPMENT:

- Hand-held GPS
- Carbine w/ 200 rounds of live ammunition
- Rural hide kit / rural Ghillie suit (as per unit SOP)
- Lap top computer / portable printer
- Sunglasses / sunscreen
- Miscellaneous tactical equipment (as per unit SOP)

STUDENTS RECEIVE:

- Student manual
- Graduation diploma upon successful completion of all performance objectives.

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