

Ballistic Shield Instructor Program

Presented by TacFlow Academy | Hosted by Snohomish County Sheriff's Office

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Day 1 location

8915 Cathcart Way

Snohomish, Washington 98296

\$1250 per Student



Course Description

The 4 Day Ballistic Shield Instructor Course is a culmination of years of actual operational experience and training evolutions. This is a comprehensive look into various law enforcement high risk situations and how best to leverage ballistics shields to increase favorable outcomes. Our tactics presented are geared toward worst case scenario and everything is pressure tested. If your agency or team isn't incorporating ballistic shields into your movement indoors or in open areas, this class will allow you to explore the effectiveness of shield work and bring it back to your department.

Course Topics:

- Deliberate clearance
- Low light shield work
- Threshold management
- HRT/crisis entry response
- Active Shooter Response
- Window team breaching options
- Vehicle assault/vehicle hostage rescue
- Individual live fire skill sets
- Combative applications

Gear List:

- Pistol/ 700 rounds
- Carbine/ 100 rounds
- 140 rounds Simunition (majority pistol)
- Duty gear, vest, helmet
- Eye & ear pro
- Dedicated pistol mounted weapon light
- Force on force face & throat protection

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Day 1

- Instructor intros and schedule
- Shields in law enforcement overview
- Dispelling the urban legends and common misconceptions
- Defensive vs Offensive shield work
- What makes a good ballistic shield for LE work
- Running the gun and the shield live fire drilling (empty gun, reloads, malfunctions, multiple targets, on the move and limited pen)
- Low Light & Low light live fire
- WML/Laser Intro

Day 2

- Intro to ballistic shield movement
- Cornering, open door, closed door, L's and T's, hallways, multiple threat areas (opposing)
- Corner and center fed doors
- limited penetration and threshold management (intro to laser work & shield)
- stairs
- Entire day is technical work followed up with force on force pressure testing.

Day 3

- Window teams and the ballistic shield set up (Demo)
- Unknown & known location Hostage rescue and the ballistic shield
- Vehicle Hostage Rescue and shield integration
- Combative aspect of shield work

Day 4

- Live Fire Qualification
- Powerpoint
- Written Test
- Active Shooter Small team response drills
- Group teach backs

