CATO

California Association of Tactical Officers

Less-Lethal Instructor Course

Date: 01/25/2027 - 01/26/2027

Tuition: $427

POST Control #: 1185-30985-26002

Location: Santa Maria Police Department
Santa Maria, CA 93455

Instructors: Mat Sorenson
Garry Couso
Jonathan McKee

Course Description:

Flyer

Training Description:

This course will provide students with the knowledge, skills, and abilities to instruct their department members in the use of less lethal weapons in patrol, custody, tactical, and crowd control environments. This course provides legislative update information with regarding use of force and the deployment of less lethal munitions in a crowd control environment (AB 48).

Course instructors:

The course instructors have extensive experience in the training and deployment of less lethal weapons. Each instructor has a minimum of ten years of tactical experience, in addition to years of instructional experience. The instructor cadre was selected from throughout the State, providing students with the advantage of regional perspectives as it applies to team size, capabilities, and community concerns regarding the use of less lethal munitions.

STUDENTS MUST:

- Bring an agency less lethal launching platform and a minimum of five (5) training munitions.
- A laptop, tablet, or other device to prepare a presentation in addition to a flash drive.
- Pass a CATO less lethal qualification course.
- Successfully run less lethal qualifications under the supervision of an instructor.
- Conduct a 10 to 15-minute team presentation on a firearm course of fire.
- Pass a 25 questions final exam with a score of 80%.
- Bring hearing protection, clear eyes, BDU style uniform, and launcher cleaning supplies.

Register online at catotraining.org

Questions? Contact CATO's Training Coordinator
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