

5-day Low Visibility Reconnaissance Course

The Low Visibility Reconnaissance Course provides students with knowledge of different techniques associated with fixed and mobile covert video surveillance, expedient construction of hides, proper techniques for low visibility tactical communications, infil techniques, basic streetcraft, installation & rigging techniques, emplacement techniques, operation of equipment, concealment techniques, understanding of the different types of locks, commercial tools and tactics, techniques & procedures for operational use. The Low Visibility Reconnaissance Course is designed to give the student a good overall knowledge of the equipment, proper use, and planning considerations needed to execute an urban fixed or mobile covert surveillance operation.

Objective: Learn the fundamentals of surreptitious entry, low visibility communications, and dismounted and vehicular observation posts. This includes different types of lock tools and methods, long range observation equipment, their specific uses, and how to properly use them in real world applications. Students also learn & practice proven techniques, methods, and procedures.



Lesson Assessment: Daily classroom instruction, hands-on assessments & practical exercises are given to demonstrate a mastery of that day's objective. Each day of class includes hands-on demonstrations by the instructor. When the instructor is confident that the objective of the demonstration is understood, the class conducts practical exercises to test their comprehension of the task. These

practical exercises include warded locks, disk locks, padlocks, vehicle entry, observation equipment setup, low-vis communications equipment, expedient hide construction, basic streetcraft, vehicle installs & conducting missions utilizing techniques taught in class. The instructor will also ensure that terminology is understood by the class as it will be used repeatedly in the classroom and during the practical exercises.

Prerequisites: Students of the Low Visibility Reconnaissance Course need to have some understanding of camera equipment, recorders, power and video signal flow & mission planning experience. No knowledge of urban fixed or mobile covert video surveillance, vehicle observation posts, or surreptitious entry is necessary to complete or attend the course. **Enrollment is restricted to individuals who are employed as law enforcement agents, investigators, or officers; members of the U.S. military; non-contract employees of the Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, and U.S. intelligence agencies.** Students need a willingness to learn and an attitude that fosters a good learning environment for all parties involved.

Materials: Students need note taking materials and cell phones. TSE, Inc. will provide the following equipment: Student mapping & planning computers, vehicles, photography equipment, concealment supplies, connectors, tools, cables, locks, handouts, and training areas. The unit will need to provide their organic PRC-148, JEM, or PRC-152 radio systems. **In the event the students want to train on their unit specific equipment, the students will need to bring that equipment to the course, to include a military vehicle(s) for use during the practical exercise phase.**

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Instruction: The instruction given by TSE, Inc. is paramount to the student's successful understanding of the course objectives. A power point presentation is used as a teaching and lecture tool. This presentation progresses in a logical manner starting with an overview of locks & terminology, and an overview of photography systems & terminology. Next the presentation discusses types and techniques of covert video surveillance and vehicle observation posts. Finally the instruction flows to instructor guided demonstrations and team/class practical exercises.

Student activities: Student activities are geared toward a 10-day block of instruction.

Day 1-2: The morning session focuses on classroom instruction in locks and tool basics, warded locks, disk locks, padlocks, demonstration, and hands on practical exercise. The afternoon and second day focus on classroom instruction detailing a basic digital photography overview & consumer grade as well as professional grade DSLR cameras. This block of instruction finishes with a student practical exercise using professional DSLR cameras by midday on day two.

Day 2-4: Covers the basic methods of foot, vehicle, fixed-point surveillance and counter-surveillance techniques. This is an intense block of instruction that is 90% field exercises with classroom presentations and practical application immediately following. This block provides the foundation for good basic surveillance skills needed in the real world.



Day 5: Progresses into Tagging, Tracking and Locating (TTL) Devices and their use in surveillance operations. TTL operations planning an equipment preparation is covered, as well as installation techniques for vehicle tags. Practical exercises are conducted that reinforce the previous days' instruction and include the use of TTL devices as a surveillance aid. Following the exercise, an after action review will be conducted and a question and answer period closes out the week's instruction.

Contact Tactical Support Equipment, Inc. for pricing and availability. **TSE, Inc. must have a minimum number of students in order to conduct the course.**

Contact: For questions concerning registration, training, and location please contact the Director of Training Mark Conneway at (910) 425-7232 or 3360, or via email at training@tserecon.com.

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