

## Strategic Operator's 5-Day Basic Course

The Strategic Operator's Course provides students with knowledge of the different techniques associated with advanced concealed carry handguns, mobile close target reconnaissance (CTR), expedient construction of safe house fortifications, proper techniques for low visibility key leader engagements (KLE), infil techniques, basic streetcraft, installation & rigging techniques, emplacement techniques, operation of equipment, concealment techniques, and tactics, techniques & procedures for operational use. The Strategic Operator's Course is designed to give the student a very good overall knowledge of the equipment, proper use, and planning considerations needed to execute urban safe house operations, surveillance detection for force protection, low visibility KLEs, and defensive concealed handgun techniques.



<u>Objective:</u> Learn the fundamentals of low visibility urban operations. This includes concealed carry handgun techniques, CTR, KLE planning and execution, commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) observation equipment, their specific uses, and how to properly use them in real world applications. Students will also learn & practice proven techniques, methods, and procedures.

<u>Lesson Assessment:</u> Daily classroom instruction, hands-on assessments & practical exercises are given to demonstrate a mastery of that day's objective. Each day of class includes handson 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 fundamentals of combat marksmanship (CMMS), fundamental of the concealed draw, close quarters techniques, single vs. multiple target engagement, use of cover, shooting while moving, observation equipment setup, surveillance detection, expedient safe house construction, basic streetcraft, vehicle installs & conducting missions utilizing techniques taught in class. The instructor will also insure that terminology is understood by the class as it will be used repeatedly in the classroom and during the practical exercises.

<u>Prerequisites:</u> Students of the Strategic Operator's Course need to have some understanding of KLE operations & minimal mission planning experience. No knowledge of urban covert video surveillance, safe house fortifications, or concealed handgun techniques 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 and allied militaries; non-contract employees of the Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, and U.S. intelligence agencies. All students need a willingness to learn and an attitude that fosters a good learning environment for all parties involved.

<u>Materials:</u> Students need note taking materials and cell phones. TSE, Inc. provides the following equipment: Student mapping & planning computers, mapping software, digital maps, vehicles, CCTV equipment, concealment supplies, connectors, tools, cables, visual materials, handguns, and ammunition. In the event the students want to train on their specific government issued equipment, the students must bring that equipment to the course.

<u>Instruction</u>: The instruction given by TSE, Inc. is paramount to the student's successful understanding of the course objectives. A slide presentation is used as a teaching and lecture tool. This presentation progresses in a logical manner starting with an overview of CCTV systems & terminology. Next the presentation discusses types and techniques of covert video surveillance used for close target reconnaissance. Finally the instruction flows to instructor guided demonstrations and team/class practical exercises.

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Student activities: Student activities are geared toward a 5-day block of instruction.

**Day 1:** Begins with operational planning for conducting low-visibility KLEs. Students learn the fundamentals of covert close target reconnaissance, basic surveillance detection and surveillance detection route construction, GO/NO GO criteria, and risk mitigation techniques. The day finishes with a practical exercise in which the students plan a KLE, conduct route reconnaissance and CTR in preparation for a meet.

**Day 2:** This day focuses on the different situational environments in which a KLE is conducted, from host nation facilities to in vehicle meets. Students concentrate on



manipulating the environment to the Soldier's advantage when operating alongside Host Nation personnel or when faced with a suspected adversary. This day is intense with in car fighting techniques and use of cover while indoors and outside. UTM is utilized to improve the realism as a method of engagement.

**Day 3:** Introduction to safe house operations, signature reduction, and low-vis surveillance equipment for force protection and early warning. Students learn how to fortify a safe house with field expedient equipment, install COTS surveillance and warning systems, and protect the safe house by effective use of route planning and surveillance detection.



**Day 4:** Begins the scenario exercise phase of the course, where students will be given directions to a safe house in the local area, occupy that safe house and fortify the house as required. Students will then begin planning a series of KLEs that will take place in small teams the following day. The day concludes with the teams conducting route reconnaissance and CTR of the KLE sites in preparation for the next day's meetings. Following the exercise, an after action review will be conducted, critiquing each team's performance & captured images.

**Day 5:** The students execute the KLEs planned during the previous day in the local area. Teams are assessed according to how well their KLEs are planned and executed, to include decision making and risk mitigation, GO/NO GO criteria, surveillance detection prior to and after the meeting. The exercise ends when the team successfully returns to the safe house without compromise. The last day will end with a week overview and question and answer session. Each day's tasks will demonstrate that the students have learned all the objectives of the course.

<u>Contact:</u> 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 <u>training@tserecon.com</u>.

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