



THE
TOMAHAWK
INSTITUTE®



Patrol Officer Tactical Response: Active Threat

The Patrol Officer Tactical Response (POTR) course is designed to educate patrol officers on the proper techniques and procedures for responding to active threats.

COURSE OVERVIEW

We designed POTR to help officers at all levels learn and enhance their active threat response skills. In this course, officers learn:

- Tactical fundamentals of 1- and 2-Officer search and contact teams.
- The basics of tactical decision making by stressing a full and complete understanding of the priorities of threats, life, and activities.
- Skills to help with all types of police response scenarios, such as burglar alarms, DV, motor vehicle stops, search warrants, etc.

All of Tomahawk's online trainings are built to reinforce basic best practices: continuous engagement with your environment, identifying and avoiding potential threats, and understanding your options ahead of time to improve your outcome.

COURSE MODULES

INTRO

- Welcome
- Learning Path
- Objectives

METHODOLOGY

- Evolution of Tactics
- Tomahawk Methodology
- Application

LEARNER REFERENCE

- Terms and Nomenclature
- Room Geometry and Basic Doors
- Reference Material

PRIORITIES & PRINCIPLES

- Prioritizing Threats, Life, and Activity
- Use of Force
- POTR Principles

TACTICS

- Actions at the Door
- Actions Inside the Room
- 1- and 2-Officer Movement
- Standard Operating Procedures
- De-Confliction
- Throttle Control

Learn online with the Tomahawk Institute®

Tomahawk Institute is an online platform to share our team's collective knowledge and real-world experience. The Institute delivers an interactive, educational experience with content designed to be relevant, realistic, and relatable.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

This online course is similar to the in-person POTR curriculum. This course prioritizes an introduction to Close Quarters Clearance (CQC) tactical principles, which may be new to learners. It serves as a supplement for any live trainings we offer, and learners can refer to the basic principles to reinforce their learning experience.

In the POTR course, participants will learn:

- The Evolution of Tactics
- Application of Tactics
- The Priority of threats
- Threat Indicators
- Use of Force Considerations
- Room Geometry and Door Construction
- Contact Teams versus Search Teams
- Link-Up Procedures
- POTR Principles
- One- and Two-Officer Actions at the Door
- One- and Two-Officer Room Entries
- One- and Two-Officer Tactical Movement
- Verbal and Non-Verbal Commands
- Communication through Body Language
- Standard Operating Procedures

COURSE OBJECTIVES

All Tomahawk Institute courses for law enforcement officers aim to:

- Empower officers to be open-minded, critical thinkers when solving tactical problems.
- Provide a foundation for understanding and applying optimal tactics.
- Enhance critical decision-making abilities that can be consistently relied upon in high-stress environments.
- Establish baseline SOPs to ensure everyone in the department is on the same page.
- Provide material that can be referenced and used in onboarding new officers.



Our ability to adapt to each client's unique set of circumstances, requirements, and goals sets us apart from the rest of the industry and allows us to succeed with an extensive but varied client base.



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