



Patrol Officer Situational Awareness and De-Escalation

Tomahawk's Patrol Officer Situational Awareness and De-Escalation course provides police officers at any experience level with the basic knowledge and techniques of proper de-escalation. The curriculum emphasizes the importance of maintaining gross situational awareness while using tactical decision-making during all stages of an encounter. De-escalation isn't a stand-alone skill; situational awareness, effective communication, proper decision-making, and the use of time, distance, and angles are integral to safe and proper de-escalation and can mitigate the need for further use of force.

Our training focuses on the following core principles:

1

Learn and apply effective decision-making

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Increase the understanding of situational awareness as the foundation for de-escalation

3

Learn and apply de-escalation tools and techniques

4

Gain an understanding of the tactical application of de-escalation

5

Gain hands-on experience during the practical application of training objectives

Why focus on de-escalation?

De-escalation is built upon situational awareness, effective communication, and proper decision-making and can lead to conflict resolution without force. The law enforcement community currently faces an unprecedented number of demands and threats, requiring a more deliberate, standardized approach to teaching de-escalation. Tomahawk's Methodical Clearance® approach teaches officers to slow down, create space, and use all available forms of communication to defuse a situation.



Patrol Officer – Situational Awareness and De-Escalation

Length: 2 days

Delivery: In-person, scenario-based

Audience: Police officers of any experience level

This training provides officers with the tactics, techniques, and procedures needed to safely control a situation. The Tomahawk team personalizes the training and scenarios to meet the needs of our client and their environment, covering topics including:

- Use of force guidelines
- Department standard operating procedures (SOPs)
- Tactical decision-making
- Tactical application of de-escalation
- Use of proper proxemics, language, and tone
- Tactics, techniques, and procedures to instill officer confidence
- Use of distance and angles
- Threat indicators
- Single- and dual-officer tactics

4 Hours of Academic Training/Classroom Instruction

12 Hours of Scenarios/Practical Application

De-escalation and tactical learning stations are customized based on your organizational and community needs.

PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK



Thanks to Tomahawk's methodology, our team has been able to de-escalate many encounters that would have been potentially lethal under our existing tactics."

- Law enforcement partner



Tomahawk truly cares about our team making the best decisions to serve our citizens. They are extremely thoughtful in their approach to teaching tactics."

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Tomahawk is your partner in safety and security. We offer a wide variety of training and services, adapting to each client's unique set of circumstances, requirements, and goals. What can Tomahawk do for you?

Successful de-escalation protects law enforcement and the community at large.

We aim to provide officers with the tactics, techniques, and procedures needed to safely control a situation in the safest possible manner



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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