



THE
TOMAHAWK
INSTITUTE®



SWAT Close Quarters Clearance: Methodical Clearance®

In close quarters scenarios, officers should rely on strong training to effectively and safely handle the situation. Tomahawk's flagship tactics course, SWAT Close Quarters Clearance (CQC) Methodical Clearance, was created by our experienced team for specialized law enforcement units to prepare officers for high-stress close quarters situations.

COURSE OVERVIEW

Our CQC course is designed to teach and reinforce best practices of tactical entry and follow-on movement. In this course, participants will:

- Establish and renew Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) regarding CQC methodical and threshold clearance operations.
- Learn best practices in essential tactical skills, including prioritizing threats, use of cover and concealment, room entries, and follow-on movement.
- Establish a common foundation for operating as a team in CQC tactical environments related to methodical and threshold clearance operations.

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
- Objectives
- Learning Path

METHODOLOGY

- Tomahawk Methodology and Mindset
- Evolution of Tactics
- Application

LEARNER REFERENCE

- Terms and Nomenclature
- Room Geometry and Basic Doors
- Definitive Body Language
- Prioritizing Threats
- Graphic Icons

TACTICS: ACTIONS AT THE DOOR

- Roles and Responsibilities
- Two- and Four-Officer Actions

TACTICS: ACTIONS INSIDE THE ROOM

- Roles and Responsibilities
- Two- and Four-Officer Actions

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 CQC Methodical Clearance® curriculum. This course prioritizes an introduction to CQC tactical principles, which may be new to learners. It serves as a supplement for any additional live training we offer, and learners can refer to the basic principles to reinforce their knowledge.

In the CQC course, participants will learn:

- The Evolution of Tactics
- Application of Tactics
- Terminology
- Door Configurations
- Room Geometry
- Communication through Body Language
- The Prioritization of Threats
- Pieing the Door
- Verbal and Non-Verbal Commands
- Standard Operating Procedures
- Two- and Four-Officer Actions at the Door
 - Closed and Open
 - Inward and Outward Opening
 - Hinge Side and Knob Side Approach
 - Door Oddities
- Two- and Four-Officer Actions Inside the Room
 - Center-Fed Room
 - Corner-Fed Room
 - Barricades
 - Moving

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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