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The Tomahawk Institute is a curated collection of online courses developed by our team of experts. Our content is engaging and relevant, designed to support and continuously elevate your team's preparedness.

**Our online courses reinforce live tactical training, and several come with certification.**



## 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 during team training and used in onboarding new officers.
- ✓ Reduce officer and agency liability.

Leverage the Tomahawk Institute's content to gain valuable background knowledge, reinforce in-person content, and take your readiness to the next level.

Better prepare your agency through our online courses.

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## 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.



# LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The 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 to certify officers in active threat training, and as a supplement for live tactical training. Learners can refer to the basic principles to reinforce their learning experience.

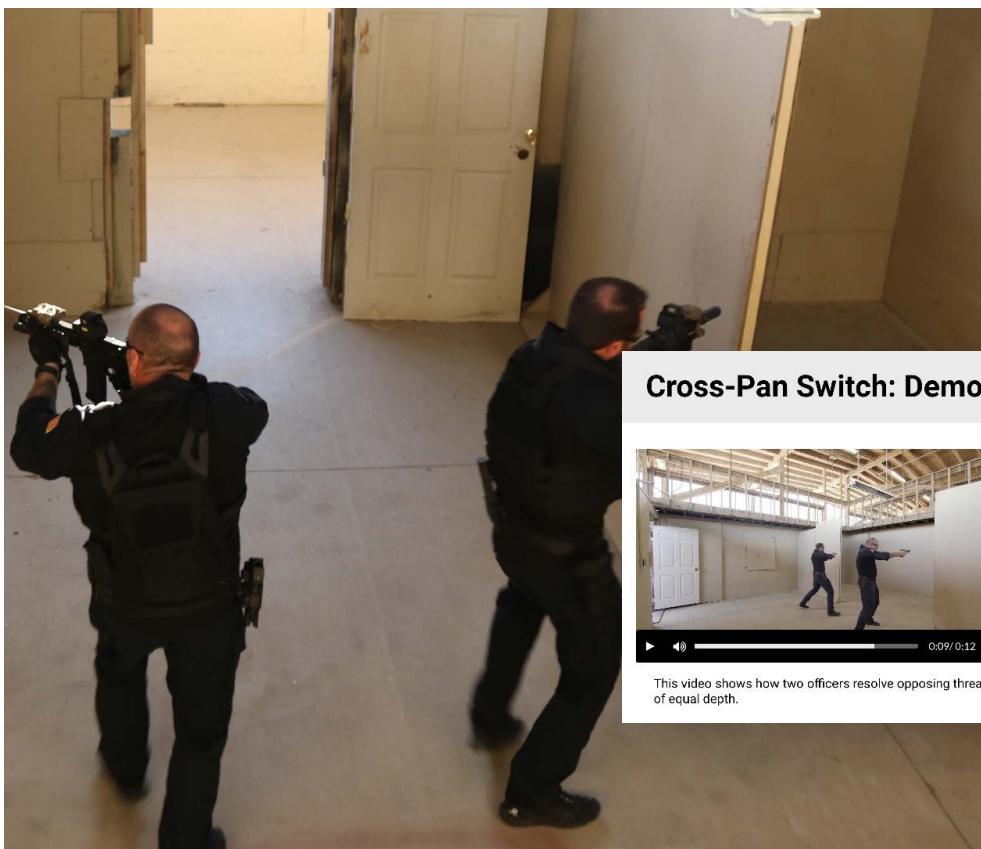
## In Patrol Officer Tactical Response, participants will learn:

### 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

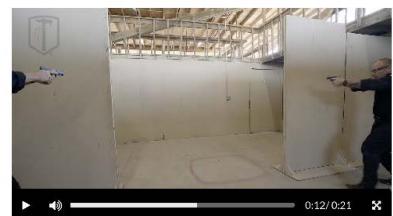
- One- and Two-Officer Actions at the Door
- One- and Two-Officer Room Entries
- One- and Two-Officer Tactical Movement
- Verbal and Non-Verbal Commands
- Communication through Body Language
- Standard Operating Procedures



### Cross-Pan Switch: Demonstration Videos



This video shows how two officers resolve opposing threats of equal depth.



This video shows an alternate angle of the Switch.

# Actions at the Door Concepts

Some of our courses contain detailed points of performance and instructional videos with stop-motion callouts, strategies, and summaries. We believe that delivering *The Why* is the most important concept to relay to a learner. When you're studying tactics online, you may need to dig deep. Understanding that collaborative, in-person training cycles may not occur as often as desired, the Tomahawk Institute not only bridges that gap, but provides a solid, comprehensive and cohesive foundation for everyone from new hires to seasoned veterans.

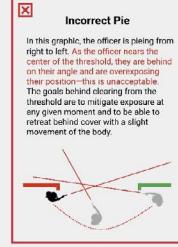
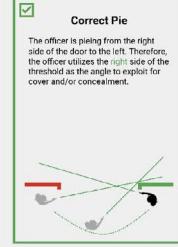
## Actions at the Door

### The Pie Explained

Pieing, sometimes referred to as "slicing the pie" or "threshold clearance," is the tactic of clearing as much of the room as possible **from outside the room** by utilizing the threshold of the door for cover and/or concealment.

At best, the threshold provides cover but, at a minimum, the threshold provides concealment. To be effective, you must pie in a manner that reduces your exposure as much as possible to any potential threats inside the room. If at any given moment during the pie, an officer encounters an individual, the individual should see a minimum of the officer's body—just the amount that is required to produce a stable shooting platform.

Pieing the door is all about exploiting the angles. If you are behind on your angles when pieing, you may be giving away your position to someone in the room before you can see them.



**Do NOT expose more of your body than necessary.**



The Pie is a specific tactic that, when performed correctly, provides officers with a detailed view of a room's interior from the outside.

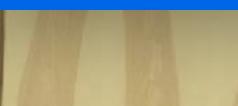
This principle of interior clearance must be studied in detail so that all the concepts are evident whenever you arrive at a threshold.



In this course, we also take a look at the wrong technique to highlight why our methods keep the officer safe.

**Actions at the Door** is a course typically found within the POTR curriculum and consists of:

- Correct vs. Incorrect Pie
- Sight Over Bore Concept
- Common Door Approaches & Procedures
- PUSH Door Instructional
- PULL Door Instructional



## REFERENCE DOOR FRAME

# Hallways: Team Movement

Operating in confined or restrictive spaces is one of the most dangerous parts of interior clearance. However, if that movement is coordinated with a simple set of principles, the overall danger can be greatly mitigated. We created this course to help officers understand the dynamics of marshaling resources to tackle these difficult problems.

This online course provides many aspects of the Methodical Clearance® curriculum. It prioritizes an introduction to tactical principles that may be new to learners, and is a supplement to any live training your agency may initiate based on these principles to reinforce your learning experience.

## The Hallways: Team Movement course consists of the following:

- ✓ Roles & Responsibilities
- ✓ Single-Point Hallway
- ✓ Dual-Point Hallway
- ✓ Open Doors
- ✓ Common Intersections
- ✓ Rules of the Road\*
- ✓ Deconfliction
- ✓ Moving Through
- ✓ Backfilling

### Dual Point Move to Contact (Angles)



**Near First**

As the officers close on the threshold, the nearest officer arrives first and makes entry. Although the wide (far) officer has a better angle, it does not make sense to attempt to 'stage' the entry to get that officer ahead of the near officer. This could lead to potential flagging of your partner, or worse.



**Far First**

As the officers close on the threshold, the widest (far) officer arrives first and makes entry. This is the most advantageous as the wide (far) officer has a better angle.

\*Rules of the Road also introduces concepts that might be new to learners that include:

**Patch-to-Spine Movement** – This technique is utilized when crossing an open doorway in a confined space.

**Two Away** – When the train is moving down a hallway, officers are allowed to move two rooms perpendicularly off the primary hallway.

**Back All Day** – When the train is moving down a hallway, and officers have entered a room, they can clear backwards on the train but should not clear ahead while paralleling.



This course introduces the tactical principle we call Hallway Clearance, which may be new to learners, and serves as a supplement to any live training your agency may conduct. It is designed to reinforce and enhance your learning experience.





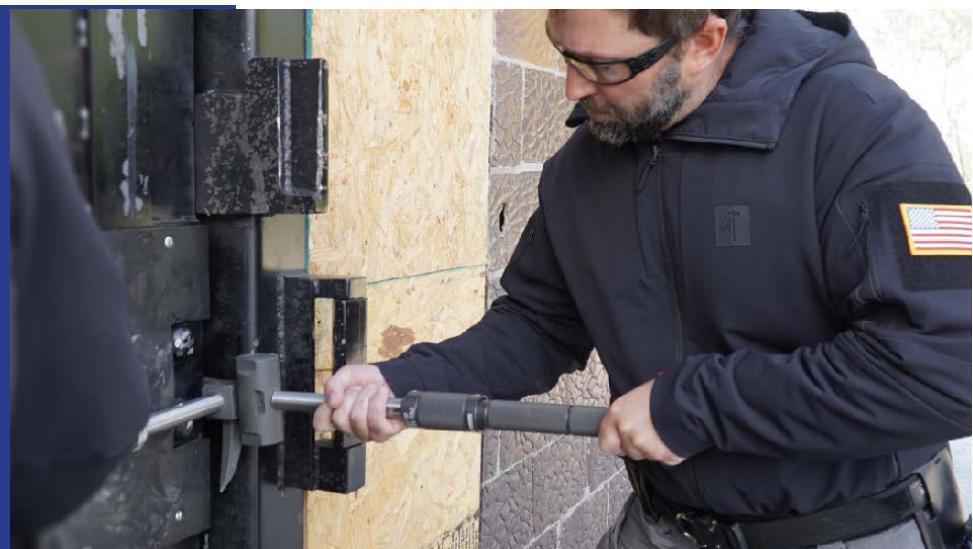
## Introduction to Breaching

This course addresses mechanical breaching techniques using a minimum of commonly available tools to law enforcement.

This course is a supplement to Tomahawk's Patrol Officer Tactical Response (POTR) curriculum and is meant to be used in conjunction with that training.

Our breaching course consists of the following:

- ✓ Breaching Tools
- ✓ Verbal vs. Non-Verbal Breaching Signals
- ✓ When or Where Not to Breach
- ✓ Door Types
- ✓ Breaching Techniques





# SWAT CQC: 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.

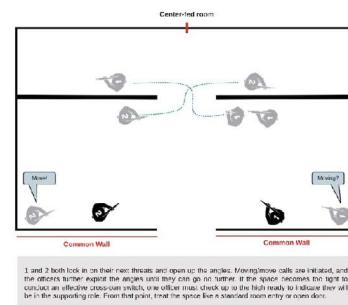




## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

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.

### Opposing Online - Tight



Here, officers arrive upon a problem that presents opposing angles, which are close enough to treat like a doorway. As 1 and 2 move up to the new threat areas, they realize that their angles are narrowing. In this example, 1 checks up to 2, which is the non-verbal queue to move across the threshold.



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

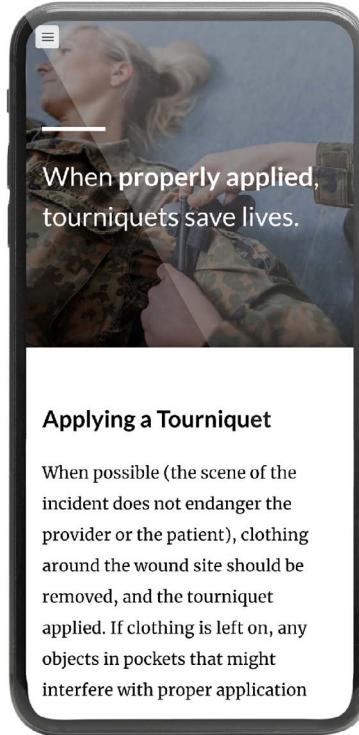
Two- and Four-Officer Actions Inside the Room

- Center-Fed Room
- Corner-Fed Room
- Barricades
- Moving

# Emergency Medicine

The control of severe bleeding is considered the most important aspect of treating a victim of trauma caused by means like gunshot wounds and explosive injuries. Exsanguination (bleeding out) can occur quickly. Our emergency medicine curriculum is designed to assist responding officers in applying specific, life-saving emergency treatments. Online medical courses included in the curriculum provide a continuous resource for officers. Our clients also receive access to our subject matter experts who can provide additional support and guidance.

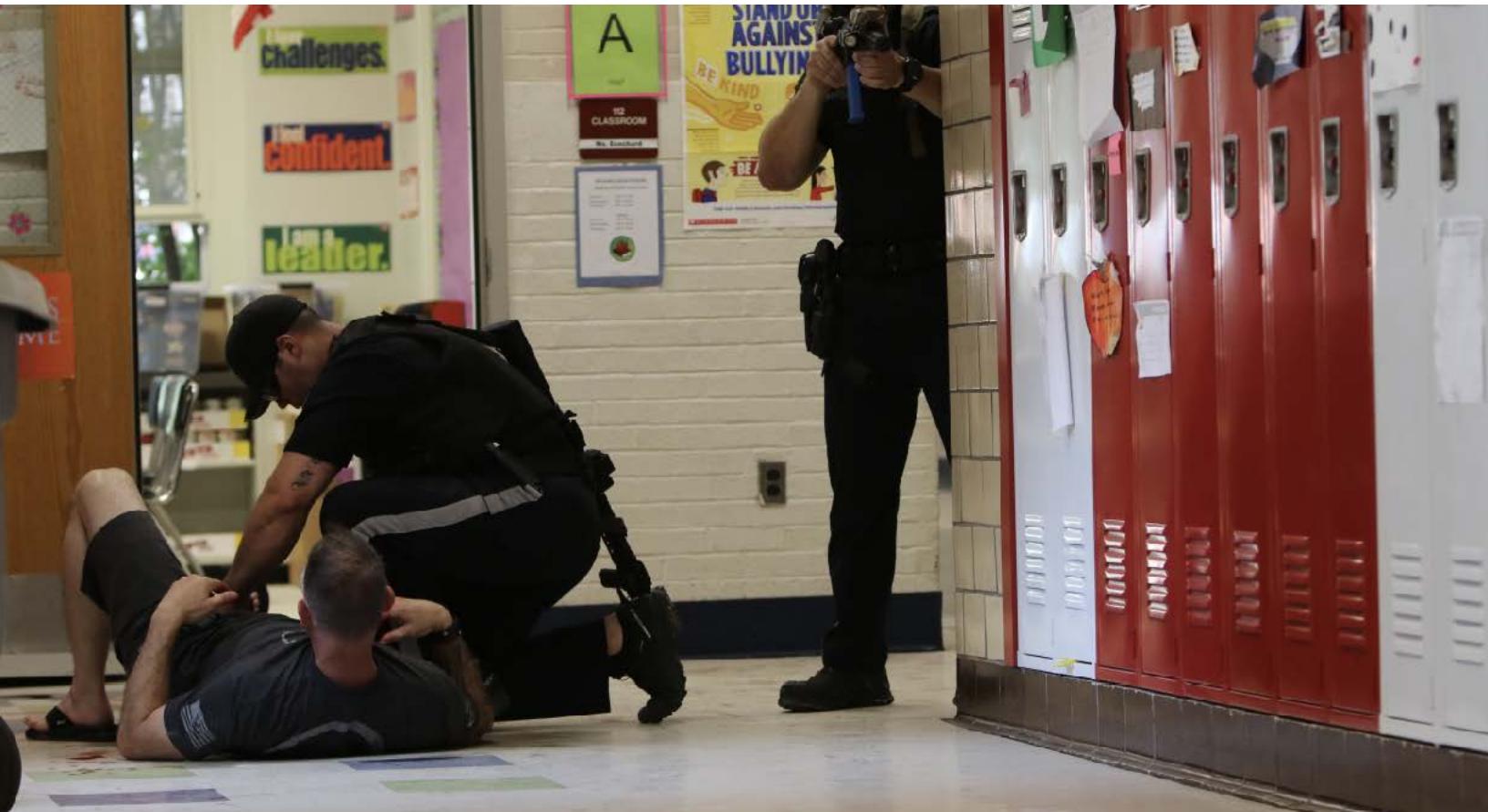
The objective of our **First Aid for Active Threat** curriculum is to address basic first aid concepts as they apply in the presence of an active threat situation. Your number one job as a law enforcement officer is to stop the killing, then end the dying. You must also have intimate knowledge of your available medical gear, so when you deploy it under duress, you are not task saturated. Our online courses give you the reinforcement you need.



## Applying a Tourniquet

When possible (the scene of the incident does not endanger the provider or the patient), clothing around the wound site should be removed, and the tourniquet applied. If clothing is left on, any objects in pockets that might interfere with proper application

Mobile access for officers included



In this curriculum, you'll explore four major topics and their subcomponents, which will give you well-rounded knowledge of these basic procedures. Each course is reinforced with videos and imagery to improve your understanding. Here are some of the topics we'll review:

## Medical Care Assumptions

This course will show how to assess the situation, determine the severity of injuries, and deploy the appropriate medical equipment. The course covers:

- Bleeding control
- Airway management
- Managing exposure

## The Emergency Tourniquet

This course will discuss the history of, indications for, and proper use of the emergency tourniquet. You must practice its application and know the minimum reporting requirements to those providing definitive care to the injured. The course covers:

- Understanding tourniquets
- Indications & contraindications
- Proper application

## The Chest Seal

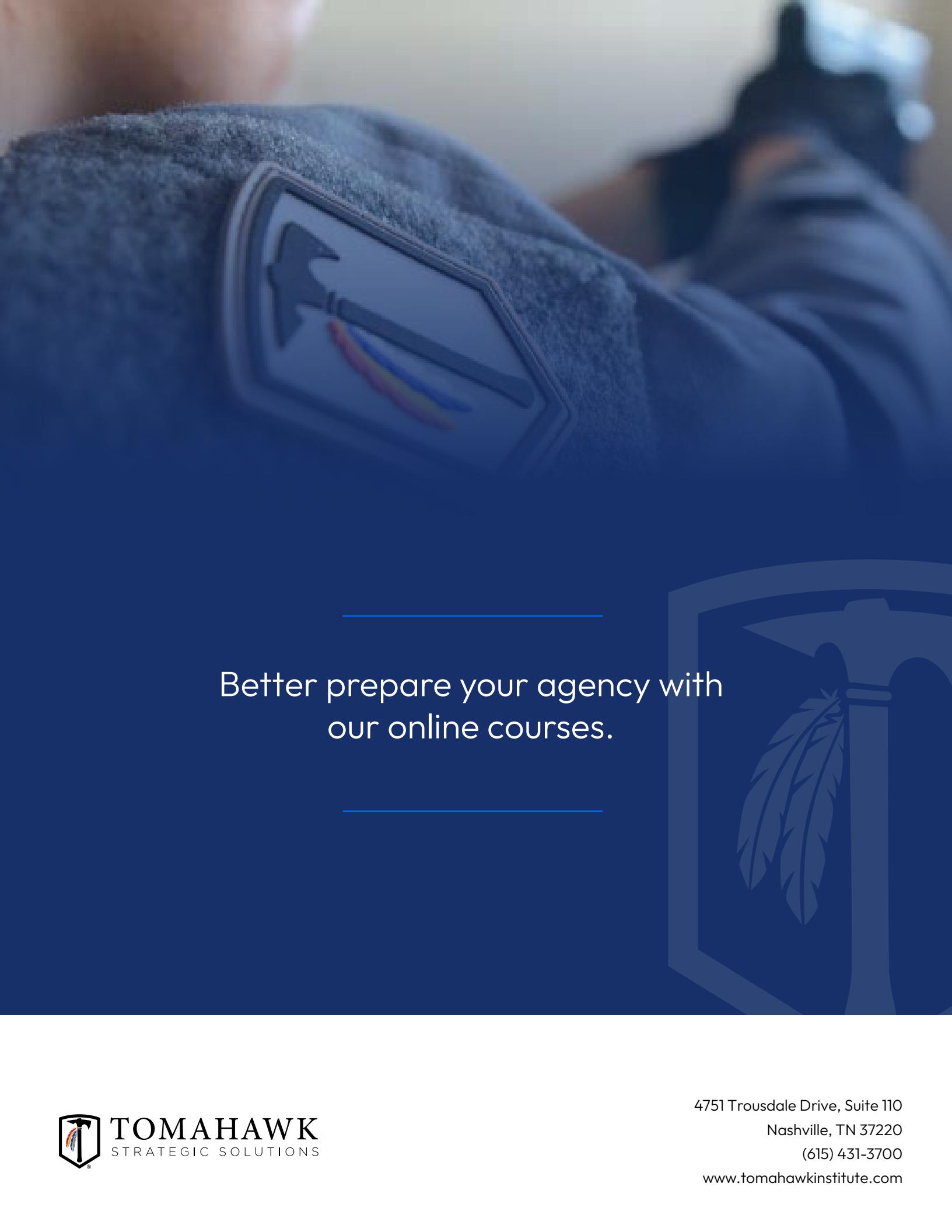
This medical course will discuss the history of, indications for, and proper placement of the chest seal. There are several visual references to help you determine how to store, deploy, and apply a chest seal. As with any other tool, if you have a chest seal available to you, you must practice its application and know the minimum reporting requirements to those providing definitive care to the injured. The course covers:

- Understanding the patient
- Indications & contraindications
- Proper application

## Junctional Wound Care

This course will discuss the history of, indications for, and proper approach to emergency junctional wound care. There are several visual references to help you determine how to store, deploy, and apply your wound care materials. As with any other tool, if you have materials available to you, you must practice their application and know the minimum reporting requirements to those providing definitive care to the injured. The course covers:

- Understanding junctional wounds
- Indications & contraindications
- Proper wound packing techniques



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