



Sniper & Covert Observer Training

Covert Observer

10 Day Combined Training Module

Module 1: Intelligence Through Imagery - Technical Package

Module 1 focus is how to apply tactical procedures when tasked with capturing intelligence through imagery, the module concentrates solely on the art of 'NON-COMPLEXED' imagery that is required in tactical environments.

We have removed all the complexities of imagery into an easy to learn and memorable format.

This is a very hands-on programme that is conducted in a multitude of environments, each having its own challenges requiring the application of different tactical procedures, ensuring an evidence quality product is captured while keeping the operator concealed and free from compromise.

When having to capture a product in very dense and close-quarter urban environments, there may be a requirement to use covert body worn and/or trojan devices in order to support and sustain the operator's position.

Capturing covert footage is challenging with lots of uncontrollable variants and takes practise.

5 Day Duration Global training delivery

Retained Skills:

- Confidently operate a D-SLR camera
- Apply the correct procedures for the set-up of imagery equipment within a static urban OP
- Apply correct procedures for the set-up of imagery equipment within a mobile OP
- Apply correct procedures for the set-up of imagery equipment within a static rural OP
- Apply correct procedures when using reflections & polarising filters through glass
- Apply correct procedures when creating 'pin-hole apertures' to capture discreet imagery at extreme close distances
- Apply correct procedures when capturing imagery in 'low-light' & 'no-light' conditions [internal / external]
- Apply correct procedures when conducting a covert Infrared photography sequence

Module 2: Covert Urban Observation Post - Tactical Package

Module 2 focus is all about getting a covert team safely inserted into a HOST building in order that a number of tasks can be performed, which could not take place externally at street level for a variety of reasons.

The techniques and procedures covered throughout the training have been operationally pressure tested and are proven ensuring that the OP remains completely undetectable from the outside at street level.

The course is filled with practical exercises such as, how to conduct street level reconnaissance in order to identify a suitable host building that will support an OP team.

Once a HOST has been identified, ground conditions will be set via robust cover plan safe-guarding the insertion, construction and occupation of the team.

Once in routine, topics such as day & night drills, replenishing the OP via LLB / DLB are covered. Finally, actions-on drills for soft & hard compromises for different stages of the occupation.

5 Day Duration Global training delivery

Retained Skills:

- Plan for a deliberate and/or impromptu non-deliberate urban OP deployment
- Creating a cover story to aid & support operational activity at street level
- Conduct street level reconnaissance of the point-of-interest and HOST building
- Develop and set the conditions with a robust cover plan for the insertion of the OP team
- Construct various OP concealments within different depths of the building's interior
 - Rapid
 - Mid-term to Long-term
- Correct set-up of equipment & collection
- Life-saver procedures to be conducted once the OP is occupied
- Managing OP routine [day / night] & resupply methods using live & dead letter box techniques & procedures
- Actions on procedures for end-of-task / soft compromise / hard compromise
- Product post-production / safe-guarding & re-productions [copies] for editing

CT Sniper

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Module 3: Counter Terrorist Sniper – Tactical Deployment

The Counter Terrorist Sniper course takes the most utilized skills taught to UKSF and is often referred to as a template for pre deployment training.

Firstly, the course ensures good foundations of Marksmanship this is often vital in support of support Police, Special Forces and Government agencies in their no fail missions.

This is conducted using a number of proven techniques, however the main areas we focus on due to the complex nature of Urban sniping is rapid target acquisition, moving targets, angle shooting, co-ordinated shoot and shooting through glass.

Phase two of the course is taught to the highest of standards so that the students have a thorough knowledge of tactical employment and deployment of snipers in an urban environment often to high threat incident.

This includes Urban and Rural hides selection and occupation, covert movement to an observation or firing position (Stalking), vehicle hides and shooting from vehicles.

10 Day Duration Global training delivery

Retained Skills:

- Key Learning objectives
- Rapid Target engagement out to 600m
- Shooting moving targets
- Angle shooting
- Sniper Initiated Assault/ Co-ordinated shooting
- Shooting through Glass
- Judging distance
- Shooting through loopholes
- Camouflage and concealment including Stalking, Both Rural and Urban
- Sniper Deployment Process
- Covert Occupation of both Rural and Urban Ops
- Vehicle hide construction, deployment and engagement from vehicles
- Logging/ reporting and sniper commentary to command

DAY	AM	PM	REMARKS
1	JUDGING DISTANCE & WIND GUN SETUP & SHOT SEQUENCE	RANGE WORK: SHOOTING AT VARIOUS RANGES ALL POSITIONS INC STICKS	OPTICS REQUIRED STEEL TARGETS
2	JUDGING DISTANCE HOLDOVERS MAX ORGE SHOOTING PAIRS	RAPID TARGET ACCUSATION OUT TO 600M THEORY UNKNOWN DISTANCE RANGE SHOOT	NIGHT SHOOT IF OPTICS ALLOW STEEL TARGETS
3	SHOOTING MOVING TARGETS THEORY & PRACTICE	COORDINATED SHOOTING SNIPER INITIATED ASSAULT THEORY & PRACTICE	COMM'S REQUIRED FOR CO-ORD SHOOT
4	ANGLE SHOOTING OBSERVATION [RURAL / URBAN] LONG RANGE RURAL ENGAGEMENTS	SHOOTING THROUGH LOOPHOLES THEORY & PRACTICE	OPTICS REQUIRED BALLISTIC COMPUTERS OR DATA SHEETS
5	SHOOTING THROUGH GLASS	SNIPER BALLISTICS SHOOTING FROM VEHICLES	WINDOWS REQUIRED OLD VEHICLE REQUIRED SHOTGUNS / DEMS IF USED

DAY	AM	PM	REMARKS
6	CAMOUFLAGE & CONCEALMENT RURAL STALKING THEORY HASTY HIDE EXERCISE	OBSERVATION EXERCISE SNIPER DEPLOYMENT PROCESS THEORY COUNTER SNIPER THEORY RURAL STALK EXERCISE	STALK EX1 COUNTER SNIPER EXERCISE
7	RURAL OP THEORY AND EXAMPLE LOGGING, REPORTING AND COMMENTARY	OP EXERCISE TO INCLUDE LIVE TIME REPORTING	COMM'S REQUIRED RURAL OP KIT REQUIRED
8	URBAN HIDE THEORY & OCCUPATION LESSON / DEMO	URBAN HIDE EXERCISE TO INCLUDE ENGAGEMENT	URBAN HIDE KITS REQUIRED
9	VEHICLE HIDE THEORY & DEMO	VEHICLE HIDE DEPLOYMENT EXERCISE	VEHICLES & PROPS REQUIRED
10	EXERCISE TO COVER DEPLOYMENT, RURAL AND URBAN HIDES CULMINATING IN LIVE CO-ORDINATED SHOOT		

Covert Entry

Training Modules

Module 4: Covert Method of Entry Techniques

10 Day Duration
Global training delivery

Having the ability to make entry to a locked premises or area is a critical skill set for intelligence gathering teams. In most cases, the ability to defeat and/or bypass secure locks leads to increased intelligence exploitation opportunities.

This foundation level covert entry training programme is designed to teach delegates with little to no previous experience in surreptitious entry methods, the skills and knowledge required to defeat most standard lock types they are likely to be faced with.

Delegates will learn how to identify different lock types and how each lock type can be manipulated, decoded, bypassed or picked. Each lock type will be allocated sufficient time in order to ensure delegates are confident and comfortable with the techniques and tools required to defeat the locking mechanism.

Delegates will also learn the tactics required to conduct the surreptitious entry techniques in a tactical low light capacity against realistic targets and the appropriate 'actions on' procedures should things go wrong.

Programme Aim:

The aim of the Level 1 Covert Method of Entry programme is to teach delegates the practical fundamental techniques of lock defeat and bypassing most commonly found locks in a domestic or commercial environment.

Retained Skills:

- Identify and understand how locking mechanisms work [cylinder, mortice, tumbler]
- Conduct practical single pin picking & additional cylinder lock picking techniques using specialist hand tools
- Identify security pins and apply techniques for defeating them
- Key copying, cutting and manufacture by hand and machine
- Conduct bypass techniques using specialist tools (Combination locks / doors latches/ padlocks / cabinets & cases)
- Entry methods using letter-box & night latch tools
- Defeat dimple locks using impression techniques
- Remove broken picks from difficult locks
- Sign awareness and cover from view [CFV] at the entry point

Module 5: Silent Breaching - Tactical Teams

**4 Day Duration
Global training delivery**

The silent method of entry training syllabus is aimed at assault or hostage rescue teams who have a requirement to move through a stronghold silently in order to achieve their aim. Should an assault team come across a locked door, it is not always tactical or practical to use loud traditional explosive or manual breaching methods. This training syllabus is designed to fill this capability gap by providing techniques to allow silent progress to be made through these secure doors.

Delegates will be taught a variety of new and innovative techniques to silently defeat secure doors and windows, such as lock pulling, snapping, and drilling. Due to the nature of the assault or hostage rescue operation, the training is not concerned with damage left to the door, lock or window being breached. The training focuses on the silent nature of the breach.

This unique skillset provides major advantages by allowing teams to maintain the element of surprise when moving quickly and silently through a building towards a final assault position.

Programme Aim:

The aim of the Silent Method of Entry Training programme is to teach delegates the specialist skills required to silently make access through a variety of different locked doors and windows using a range of silent breaching methods.

Retained Skills:

- Defeat a Euro Profile lock by cylinder breaking
- Conduct silent method of entry attacks using lock snappers
- Defeat cylinder locks using various pulling techniques
- Use unconventional techniques to bypass secure doors
- Conduct a lock drilling attack to silently defeat a door lock
- Techniques to render locks unusable [semi and permanently]
- Removal of glass from different types of windows
- Defeat and open various types of padlocks Use of key turning techniques



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