

San Bernardino County Sheriff's Specialized Enforcement Division
SWAT low light/no light
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GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this course is to train peace officers the necessary skills and knowledge to be able to low light/no light operations during tactical situations. This course will cover a multitude of areas in which the individual must have a high level of competency and be able to demonstrate the skills learned during the course. The focus of the areas to be instructed on are covered by POST SWAT guidelines for SWAT low light/no light which are as follows. Instructors for the course will facilitate this learning through classroom and practical application of the core competencies. In addition there will be testing to address the core competencies. Those that complete the course in addition to an approved SWAT school, would be able to conduct SWAT low light/no light.

- I. Welcome
- II. Safety Issues
- III. low light/no light Operational Concepts and Techniques
- IV. low light/no light application

I. LEARNING NEED

SWAT personnel participating in low light/no light operations must know and practice all procedures for safety during training and operations.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- A. State the four fundamental rules of firearms safety
 - 1. Treat all firearms as if they are loaded
 - 2. Always keep the firearms pointed in the safest possible direction
 - 3. Always keep finger off the trigger until ready to fire the firearm
 - 4. Be sure of the target and what's beyond it before firing the firearm
- B. Explain basic safety guidelines to be followed at a training range though TSO briefing.
 - 1. When entering the training range
 - a. Range safety brief
 - b. Listen carefully for range commands
 - c. Request clarification if a command is not clear
 - d. Wear approved protective equipment

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2. During training evolutions
 - a. Listen carefully for range commands
 - b. Request clarification if a command is not clear
 - c. Keep weapons pointed in a safe direction
 - d. Talk only when instructor speaks directly to student
 - e. Never proceed into training zones except when commanded to do so
 - f. Ensure students are safety checked prior to SIMS or live fire exercises.
 - g. Follow all instructor or TSO commands

C. Explain basic safety guidelines to be followed during operations

1. Medical Emergencies
 - a. Trauma kit and medical equipment location on ranges
 - b. Emergency phone location on ranges

II. LEARNING NEED

Personnel participating in low light/no light operations must have an understanding regarding the risk of low light/no light operations and understand proper application of low light/no light techniques to conduct them safely and effectively.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

A. What white light, night vision (NV), and laser device does the operator have:

1. Show proficiency in how to operate white light.
2. Show proficiency how to operate NV devices
3. Show proficiency in using IR laser device. Both visible and IR
4. Show proficiency to transition from NV to white light and visa versa.

B. SED use

- a. Visible laser use. (marking areas, use with gas mask and smoke)
- b. IR laser and illuminator under NV
- c. NVG operating procedures

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d. IR strobe use

C. Low light/No light Movement

- a. Exterior movement
 - Student will be provided instruction on proper exterior movement under NV.
- b. Interior movement
 - Student will be provided instruction on interior movement under NV.
- c. Hostage Rescue
 - Student will be provided instruction on hostage rescue under NV.
- d. IR strobe
 - Student will be provided instruction on IR strobe use.
- e. Deconfliction during movement
 - Student will be provided instruction on deconfliction under NV.
- f. "Going white"
 - Students will be provided instruction on "going white" procedures.

III. LEARNING NEED

Personnel participating in low light/no light operations must demonstrate and show understanding of operational fundamentals through practical application.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

A. Range training

- 1. Students on the range in daylight (visible laser) and nighttime (IR and white light)
 - a. Student will be provided instruction on proper techniques to zero the visible and IR/illuminator laser on firearm and use in live fire training. Students will also be provided instruction on proper techniques on use of white light.
 - b. Student will demonstrate their ability to properly operate white light, visible laser, and IR laser/illuminator

B. Exterior movement/Open Air Tactics

- 1. Students in any position of exterior movement/open air under NV.
 - a. Student will be provided instruction on proper techniques used in exterior movement/open air under NV.

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- b. Student will demonstrate their ability to properly operate in any position on exterior movement/open air tactics under NV.

C. Interior Movement

- 1. Students in any position of interior movement under NV.
 - a. Student will be provided instruction on proper techniques used while conducting interior movement under NV.
 - b. Student will demonstrate their ability to properly operate under NV during interior movement.

D. Hostage Rescue

- 1. Students in any position during hostage rescue under NV.
 - a. Students will be provided instruction on proper techniques used while conducting hostage rescue under NV.
 - b. Student will demonstrate their ability to properly conduct a hostage rescue under NV.

E. IR Strobe

- 1. Students in any position during training under NV
 - a. Students will be provided instruction on IR strobe use during various types of operations.
 - b. Students will demonstrate their ability to properly use IR strobe.

IV. REQUIRED TESTS

San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, SWAT low light/no light Scenario Evaluations

A. Range training

- 1. Students will be provided a firearm qualification with use of white light, visible laser, and NV and IR laser.
- 2. SKILLS TESTED: Instructors will evaluate students to ensure they are meeting the following core competencies:
 - a. Students accurately engage targets with use of white light.
 - b. Students accurately engage targets with use of visible laser.
 - c. Students accurately engage targets with use of IR laser.

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B. White light Scenario

1. Students will be provided a scenario which involves them clearing a structure in a low light environment. Students will clear a residence with white light.
2. SKILLS TESTED: Instructors will evaluate students to ensure they are meeting the following core competencies:
 - a. Students perform proper tactics techniques and procedures (TTP's) in low light environment.
 - b. Students use white light properly.

C. Night Vision Scenario

3. Students will be provided a scenario which involves an armed and dangerous suspect barricaded in a residence. The suspect will not comply with negotiations. Students will patrol under night vision to the suspect's residence. Students will have to clear the structure under night vision in attempt to locate the suspect.
4. SKILLS TESTED: Instructors will evaluate students to ensure they are meeting the following core competencies:
 - a. Students perform proper open air tactics during movement to location.
 - b. Students use proper IR strobe and deconfliction techniques.
 - c. Students use proper interior tactics under NV.
 - d. Students transition to white light if needed.

V. HOURLY REQUIREMENTS

Students shall be provided with a minimum number of instructional hours on low light/no light.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Agency Specific Hours	_____
Total Instructional Hours	_____