

Ballistic Shield Instructor

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COURSE DURATION: 4 DAYS

COURSE RESTRICTIONS: LE / MIL / GOV

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Ballistic Shield Instructor (BSI) is a complete instructor program that provides the knowledge and skills necessary for LE / MIL / GOV Instructors to develop, implement, and maintain a successful ballistic shield program within their agency.

This accelerated course will merge shooting, tactics, and shield applications, to challenge the legacy approach to ballistic shield training. Students will begin in the classroom setting where we will analyze data, trends, tactics, and human behavior specific to ballistic shield use. This sets the context and intent for what and why we train.

On the flat range, students will conduct various live-fire exercises that will focus on the mechanics of running the handgun while problem solving behind the ballistic shield. Mechanics such as: one-handed shooting, framing, reloads and malfunctions, positional work, movement, light use, etc. Students will ultimately safely and effectively perform live-fire exercises in low-light while moving and shooting with a partner as a team.

On days 2-3, students will learn how to work the ballistic shield in-conjunction with their environment. Students will perform a series of live-fire and NLTA drills and scenarios - both in and around vehicles and structures, and in both day-light and low-light lighting conditions. Students will gain an understanding of how to maximize the effectiveness of the ballistic shield in those environments, while also learning to develop their own drills and scenarios that best fit the training needs of their respective agencies.

On the final day of BSI, students will validate what has been learned through a series of force-on-force drills and scenarios. To conclude this instructor level course, students will also be tested on their individual performance behind the shield, their ability to instruct others in practical exercises, as well as pass a written examination and shooting qualification.

Students must come prepared mentally and physically.

STUDENT LOADOUT:

- Ballistic Shield (Training shields can be provided upon request)
- Duty Handgun with a minimum of 3 magazines
- 800 rounds of Handgun ammunition
- NLTA Handgun / Conversion (UTM, Simunitions, 17T, etc.)
- 300 rounds of NLTA Marking Rounds
- 100 rounds of NLTA Blanks
- Protective gear for NLTA/SIM training – Helmet / Mask, gloves, etc.
- Duty Belt / Duty Rig w/ sturdy holster (Cross-draw and Blackhawk Serpa Prohibited)
- Ballistic Vest / Plate Carrier (it is recommended to train in the attire you work in)
- Lighting Systems – Handheld light, Weapon light, Headlamp, Shield lighting, etc.
- Spare batteries for lighting systems
- 4 glow sticks / chem lights or 2 electronic marker lights
- Ear and eye protection (clear eye protection for low light)
- Range appropriate clothing suitable for strenuous activity and inclement weather
- Food and Beverage
- Note taking material or mobile device