Ballistic Shield Instructor Course

This 40-hour Ballistic Shield Instructors Course is designed and presented for Firearms / Tactical Instructors to provide all of the tactical skill sets, printed material and training outlines required to teach and certify patrol officers to deploy and utilize a hand-held ballistic shield. This course focuses on the ballistic shield and related equipment, training and operational considerations when deploying the shield during law enforcement patrol functions. Topics covered include: stances, movement, reload/malfunction drills, live fire, basic CQB, perimeter operations, arrest team strategies, building searches, vehicle search, rescues and other high-risk patrol operations. The course requires student instructors to learn, practice and demonstrate proficiency in the critical individual and team skill sets required to become certified as a shield operator and also teach those skills sets to police officers. Student instructors will be required to learn, practice, and demonstrate the ability to teach the skills learned in platform, range, and tactical applications.

REQUIRED GEAR: Duty gear, Eye/ear Protection, Duty Weapon, Long Gun (if dept. equipped) Helmet (if equipped), Writing Material, and Ballistic Shield (if access to one is available), 500 rounds handgun, 25 rounds long gun ammunition. The course requires every attendee to be equipped with a converted patrol rifle and pistol that shoot marking cartridges. Officers should have a minimum of 100 pistol, 50 rounds rifle marking rounds (any color). Officers should also bring protective mask and neck protection if available. Officers without converted weapons and marking rounds may attend – ITOA has a limited number of training weapons, so please make every effort to obtain them for the class.

METHODS OF EVALUATION: Students will be evaluated by taking a written test, participation in practical exercises, teach backs, and reality-based training scenarios with converted weapons & marking cartridges.

METHODS OF INSTRUCTION: This course will be conducted utilizing the following methods of instruction:

1. In-class lecture & discussion

2. Power Point presentation utilizing a multi-media projector

3. Practical live fire exercises on the range

4. Practical training exercises & realistic scenario-based training

5. Operational critiques, observations, and discussions