

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT
Aerial Platform Cadre Update
Expanded Course Outline

Prerequisite: Students must have successfully completed the 40-hour Rifle Marksmanship and Sniper Course 1850-23024 prior to attending the Aerial Platform Cadre Update.

Instructional Goal: To update and debrief the members of the Sniper / Aerial Platform Cadre, reinforcing officer safety, weapons handling, communication, suspect assessment, citizen safety, and department policy. This is used for quarterly updates for the members of the Sniper / Aerial Platform Cadre. For the purpose of this course, APT will be used to designate Aerial Platform Tactic

Performance Objectives: Using a lecture and learning activities, the student will:

- Be able to safely approach and secure themselves to the helicopter
- Be able to safely deploy their weapons system on a moving helicopter
- Be able to effectively communicate via department radios with their partner, the aerial platform pilots, and ground units
- Be able to assess what is or is not a deadly force situation (shoot / no shoot)
- Be able to accurately engage a target with live fire, simunitions, or weapon mounted pointer, based on its size, distance, and the speed and approach of the aircraft
- Be able to provide information to ground units in an attempt to de-escalate the situation
- Understand Department Policy regarding APT deployment

I. INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

(60 min)

A. Introduction of Instructor(s)

1. Name, assignment
2. Experience

B. Overview block of training

1. APT Instructor assigned or guest instructor
2. Instructor discussion of range safety rules, basic firearms safety rules, helicopter safety rules, HRST (Helicopter Rope Suspension Technique) Master responsibility, and verification of Instructor/student ratio
3. APT techniques and strategies used during recent incidents or training
4. APT Qualification (Stress Course)

II. APT INSTRUCTOR

(60 min)

Purpose: To gain current information regarding developments and trends in APT

Procedure: Large group activity

A. APT Instructor / subject matter resource

1. Facilitates a group discussion regarding his/her area of expertise as it pertains to APT
2. Debrief the presentation

B. Question and Answers

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III. APT UPDATES

(60 min)

- A. Time keeping issues
 - Rosters
 - Qualification sheets

- B. APT deployment quarterly debrief
 - 1. Identify the keys points
 - 2. Clarify areas that additional training would be beneficial
 - 3. Lessons Learned

IV. APT OBJECTIVES REVIEW

(180 min)

- A. LEARNING ACTIVITY: APT stress drill

Purpose: To demonstrate proficiency in the performance objectives

Procedure: Stress Drill

- 1. The individual sniper must utilize the performance objectives to successfully complete the stress drill
 - 2. The individual sniper must be able to articulate his/her actions.

- B. CLOSING: Reinforce key learning points
 - 1. It is vital to practice the skills covered in this course because they are perishable
 - 2. Snipers need to stay up to date on the current trends in the APT community to be effective
 - 3. The stress course is based on actual or realistic incidents
 - 4. The debrief is important to reinforce skill acquisition

- C. Weapons cleaning / maintenance

- D. Training Concludes