



# HOSTAGE RESCUE AND TACTICS

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With the rise in organized criminal activities and political unrest around the world, the practice of hostage-taking to achieve some criminal or political goal has increased proportionately. Additionally, mass hostage events (MHE) such as the Beslan School event in North Ossetia have also occurred with increased frequency. Many government and law enforcement agencies are under-trained and ill-equipped to deal with more than a lone assailant. TridentCMG Instructors have experience operating as part of the premier hostage rescue and tactics (HRT) units in the world. In addition, they have experience utilizing this expertise to successfully train others in the art of successful hostage rescue and tactics against organized and highly-motivated individuals or group. TridentCMG offers both Basic and Advanced HRT courses developed for experienced military and law enforcement personnel. Topics include basic guidelines for event resolution; the force continuum and its applications; the proper deployment of containment and entry personnel; criteria for deployment; ramifications and use of diversionary, chemical and less-lethal devices; hostage rescue concepts; rapid deployment and emergency entry tactics; tactical operations center concepts; crisis negotiations concepts; and hostage rescue force options including tactical long rifle operations, stronghold and vehicle options. Those completing the Basic HRT Course will be ready to join any established HRT unit, while those completing the Advanced HRT Course will be equipped to plan and lead the resolution of a wide variety of possible hostage events.



## REQUIREMENTS

### TCMG LEADERSHIP:

Two (2) HRT Instructors

### CLASS SIZE:

Twenty (20) students, maximum per class

### PREREQUISITES:

*Basic Course:* Competence with semi-automatic pistol and light-automatic weapons

*Advanced Course:* Completion of TCMG Basic HRT Course

### TRAINING FACILITIES:

- Pistol and rifle range
- Building/kill house for practicing entry and close quarter battle (CQB)
- Rappelling Site

### LOGISTICS:

- Ammunition
- Flash/Bang Grenades
- IED Components
- Breaching Components and other Dynamic Entry Devices
- Less Lethal Munitions
- LEVEL III Body Armor
- Individual and Unit PPE, Communications, and Weapons

## COURSE OF INSTRUCTION

The Basic Course includes:

- Personal security and kidnap awareness
- Basic conflict resolution techniques
- Individual and small team tactics
- Site reconnaissance and information gathering
- Mission planning and execution
- Small building and room clearing (individual and small teams)
- Weapons employment – perimeter security and sniper placement
- Weapons use in close quarters (pistols, rifles and shotguns)
- Live fire individual and small team exercises using pistols, rifles and shotguns
- Live fire individual and small team exercises clearing building and rooms

The Advanced Course covers:

- Tactical Mindset
- Equipment Selection
- Firearms Selection
- Body Armor and NIJ Rating System
- Scouting/Intelligence and Planning
- Shooting Positions
- Cover and Concealment in Urban Environments
- Approaches and Movements Outside of the Target Structure
- Mechanical and Explosive Breaching
- Occupancy Control
- Dynamic Entries
- Noise/Flash Diversionary Devices
- Tactical Angles
- Immediate Action Team Entries
- Deliberate Action Team Entries
- Hostage Rescue Techniques
- Improvised Explosive Devices (IED)
- Citizen and Team Member Recovery
- Passenger Vehicle Assaults
- Linear Assaults
- Trains, buses and Airplanes
- Chemical Agents and Delivery Systems (Familiarization)
- Less Lethal Munitions and Delivery Systems (Familiarization)
- PPE Selection and Operations Considerations (Familiarization)
- Rappelling Operations
- Fast Roping Operations
- Managing complex hostage situations

Advanced courses may include, upon request, intelligence gathering through the use of robots, UAVs, Ultra Wide Band (UWB) Radar devices and other advanced methods of surveillance, site reconnaissance and information gathering.