



INTERNATIONAL TRAINING GROUP (ITG®) COURSE OVERVIEW

EXECUTIVE PROTECTION HIGH RISK ENVIRONMENT WEAPONS PROGRAM

Duration: 30 Hours



This training program focuses on weapons skills, including use of assault weapons, as applicable to the executive protection arena. It is not a basic weapons training course. Candidates for training must be proficient in basic marksmanship, weapons handling and safety skills prior to attending this course. Students not demonstrating basic weapons proficiency and safety are released from training without benefit of refund.

COURSE PREREQUISITES: Students must be graduates of ITG®'s Executive Protection Handgun Training Course or from recognized law enforcement, military, National Rifle Association or other approved training course and able provide proof of basic assault weapons training or a qualification record that is no older than one year old prior to being accepted by ITG® for attendance in this training program.

TRANSPORTING WEAPONS: ITG® recommends all persons train with the weapon they utilize on duty; however, we recognize that in order to stay consistent with US and various state weapons laws, not all students will be able to travel with their personal carbines, assault weapons or sub-machineguns to this training program. Those who may legally transport their weapons to this training opportunity may do so remembering that ultimately, they are responsible for ensuring that their actions are consistent with the laws of the jurisdictions they originate from, travel through and with those of the training destination. Those who cannot transport weapons may rent weapons from ITG® to participate in this course if all other prerequisites are met.

WEAPONS FAMILIARIZATION - (4 hours lecture/practice and range firing exercises)

Students will be familiarized with the Colt M-4 system, exposed to range safety requirements, loading, unloading, magazine changes, failure to fire drills and safe weapons handling techniques. Students will be given opportunity to zero their weapons sights and a familiarization course of fire from various ranges. Reinforcement training on marksmanship issues will be given as necessary. Students must demonstrate basic marksmanship, weapons handling and safety skills to advance to further training.

QUALIFICATION COURSE OF FIRE - (2 hours range firing/Qualification)

The qualification course of fire for this program is that established as qualification course of fire for the US State Department's Bureau of Diplomatic Security Services. Students are given familiarity with the qualification tables and one practice round of fire and one qualification round of fire. Students must pass this qualification round of fire, to advance to further training.

NIGHT TIME FAMILIARIZATION COURSE OF FIRE - (2 hours lecture/discussion; range firing practical exercises)

Students will be exposed to the dynamics of shooting carbines/rifles in dark areas or during hours of darkness. Specialized techniques are discussed and practiced.

DEFENSIVE POSITIONS - (1 hours lecture/discussion; range firing practical exercises)

Students will be exposed to the characteristics of defensive positions as encountered in typical high threat protective operations. Use of cover and concealment is discussed, desirable characteristics of defensive positions, use of vehicles as defensive positions and creating interlocking fields of fire are addressed.



ADVANCED WEAPONS TECHNIQUES - (4 hours lecture/discussion, and range firing practical exercises)

Students are familiarized with various tactical considerations protective agents must face when conducting armed protective details in high threat environments. Close quarter combat techniques, as relating to protective services operations, will be taught and practiced. Target engagement from various positions, including turning and firing at targets located at differing positions relative to the students' position will be discussed and practiced. Multiple target acquisition and various firing techniques will be utilized and practiced. Body armor drills, combat reloading, wounded reloads and other specialized techniques will be presented and practiced. Weapons retention techniques will be taught and practiced.

TRANSITION DRILLS - (1 hour lecture/discussion, and range firing practical exercises)

Techniques for transitioning from a long gun to a side arm in times of need is taught and practiced.

SHOOTING FROM VEHICLES - (2 hours lecture/discussion, and range firing practical exercises)

Students are familiarized with techniques for shooting from vehicles and provided with practice in this task. Considerations pertaining to safe weapons handling techniques, muzzle placement, ejection of spent cartridges and other aspects of this task are highlighted, discussed and practiced.

ENGAGING TARGETS IN VEHICLES - (1 hour lecture/discussion, and range firing practical exercises)

Students are familiarized with techniques for engaging targets located in vehicles. Considerations pertaining to selecting aiming points, skip shooting and shot placement are addressed and practiced.

BUILDING ENTRY AND ROOM CLEARING - (2 hours lecture/discussion; range firing practical exercises)

Techniques and procedures for entering buildings and rooms, clearing them and setting up hasty safe havens will be discussed and practiced.

TWO & FOUR PERSON TACTICAL TEAM MOVEMENT - (2 hours lecture/discussion; range firing practical exercises)

Students will be exposed to the tactics and techniques of moving in small unit tactical formations. Traveling, Traveling Over Watch, and Bounding Over Watch techniques will be discussed, considerations on when to use each of these techniques will be identified and students will be provided with live fire practical exercises to practice these techniques and their command and control methodology.

MAN DOWN DRILLS - (1 hour lecture/discussion; range firing practical exercises)

Students will be exposed to considerations and techniques for providing assistance to and recovering wounded colleagues during fire fights and given practice opportunities.

COMBAT STRESS COURSE - (2 hours lecture/discussion; range firing practical exercises)

Engaging targets during combat situations involves high levels of stress and various physiological considerations, which significantly impact an individual's ability to effectively engage targets. These dynamics will be identified and discussed. This condition will be simulated through the use of obstacle courses and physical exertion prior to and during various courses of fire so the student will gain a better understanding of these impacts and how to counter their effects during times of combat.

FORCE ON FORCE SCENARIOS - (6 hours lecture/discussion; range firing practical exercises)

Training culminates in various force on force training scenarios focusing on executive protection mission requirements. Using UTM™ ammunition and appropriate safety equipment, students are provided various scenarios such as executing dismounted formations or evacuating from disabled vehicles while caught in a kill zone. Instructors serve as aggressor personnel and force on force practical exercises are conducted and critiqued that include all aspects of the training provided in this course of instruction.