

**SALINAS POLICE DEPARTMENT  
SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS  
TRAINING SUMMARY**



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**SUBJECT:** Vehicle Assault

**Course Date & Time:** June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 0700hrs to 1740hrs

**Course Location:** Fort Ord

**Instructors:** Officer R. Wayman

**Team Leaders:** Sgt. J. Heckman

**Officers in Attendance**

S. Craig  
R. Miller  
L. Toribio  
B. McKinley  
J. McNeil  
J. Heckman  
C. Mitchell  
I. Medrano  
A. Avila  
D. Pritt  
R. Wayman  
A. Scaggs

F. Deleon  
J. Juarez  
J. Santiago  
D. Castaneda  
J. Tuiolosega  
Medic N. Thomas

**Officer Not in Attendance**

R. Sanchez (ATL School)  
L. Sanchez (Injured)  
M. Reyes (ATL School)  
J. Kinney (Vacation)  
A. Magana (Vacation)  
N. Castillo (Sick)

**Training Goal:**

The goal of this training was to go over several different vehicle assault tactics. These tactics included basic vehicle assaults using patrol vehicles as cover/takedown units, as well as more dynamic vehicle assaults which incorporated the Armored Rescue Vehicles, shields, and other equipment at the SWAT team's disposal. Along with using the different vehicles for the assaults, SWAT team members also used different equipment to include full kits and plate carriers in order to see what was most efficient. During the different scenarios, SWAT team members had access to a donated vehicle. This gave ARV drivers the opportunity to use different driving tactics to immobilize the vehicle.

**Safety:**

All officers involved in this training were responsible for safety. If anyone involved observed any unsafe action, they immediately stopped the training and addressed the concerns. Prior to the training a weapons check was conducted to ensure that all weapon(s) were unloaded, and no live ammunition was present. If any person left the training site, a weapons check was done on them prior to them resuming training. There were radios and cell phones on site in case of an emergency. There was also a trauma kit maintained at the location. The closest hospital to the site was determined to be the Natividad Medical Center.

**Training Summary:**

**0700-0800:** SWAT team members met at the Salinas Police Services building for an overview of the day's activities, and to load equipment and gather vehicles.

**0800-0930:** SWAT team met at the Fort Ord site, and spent time discussing the different types of vehicle assaults and considerations for each. At this time, we also debriefed different vehicle assaults that SWAT team members have previously been involved in during past call outs and during patrol situations. We discussed how these situations played out, and what improvements or additional considerations we could have made.

**0930-1015:** Following the debriefs, Officer Wayman demonstrated different tactics to assault suspect vehicles using a linear or perpendicular approach.

**1015-1200:** The SWAT Team began static drills using an unoccupied vehicle practicing the demonstrated tactics and approaches using the ARV as a launch location. K9 Officer Medrano also demonstrated using a his K9 to assault and deploying his dog into vehicles. The team became comfortable working around the K9 in a SWAT atmosphere and vehicle assaults.

**1200-1300:** Lunch

**1300-1330:** Discussed Team Business

**1330- 1630:** The SWAT Team did force on force drills involving active shooters, hostage situations, and quick reaction forces. The team was presented with a scenario and had to develop a plan and execute the plan in a safe and effective manner. The team was broken into two smaller elements and each element performed the same scenario. This showed how each team handled the scenario in different ways to be able to discuss the pros and cons for each tactic used.

**1630-1740:** The SWAT cleaned up the site and gathered all equipment. The team travelled back to the Salinas Police Department for final debrief and questions.