WMD Tactical Operations

Facility Requirements (Host-provided)

It is expected that a senior level law enforcement member will serve as the primary Point of Contact (POC) for coordination with the LSU designated POC for the course and support attendance of 30 qualified participants. The Host Agency requirements are presented below in three categories: classroom requirements; training support personnel, facilities, and equipment; and participant equipment. An additional breakout of the Host Agency requirements in a day-by-day schedule is provided in a separate LSU POC Checklist. Host Agency personnel should be aware that photographs will be taken during the course for future training purposes.

Classroom Requirements

• 50-person environmentally controlled (HVAC) classroom (for exclusive use of the course 24 hours a day for all five days of the course) with a minimum of three additional breakout rooms in close proximity for days 1, 2, and 3. Instructors require access to the classroom on the Friday before the course start date, and daily during the course from 6:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

• Tables and chairs to accommodate 50 people (30 participants and instructional support personnel) with room for course manuals and note taking.

• Three, 5-foot long folding tables for practical exercises during Modules 2, 6, and 8.

• Audio/Visual projection screen or area.

• Large whiteboard (or chalkboard).

• One flip chart with markers.

• Adequate security to prevent having to reset the classroom each day.

• Staging areas for the participants and instructors located at the training facilities to include parking for vehicles.

• Telephone or radio communications for emergency use.
Training Support Personnel, Facilities, and Equipment

- Six role players (on days 3, 4, and 5) associated with the hosting or participant agencies that are familiar with (or that can be trained on) the functioning and safe handling of AirMunitionTM training weapon systems. Role players should be individuals that will not compromise the tactical operations techniques utilized during the practical exercise. Role players will meet with the instructional team at 12:30 PM on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th days to discuss their roles and responsibilities.

- Provide a secure storage area for approximately 50 containers of training materials and equipment shipped from LSU (minimum of 10 cubic feet of space cleared for storage of Class 1 and 7 materials – AirMunitionTM condition blue training weapons systems and simulated ammunition). Provide personnel to receive the training materials and equipment from local UPS at the secure storage site. Make the containers available to the lead instructor three days prior to the course start date and throughout the five days of the course.

- Medical screening personnel must be available for one-half hour prior to and one-half hour at the conclusion of training each day to perform baseline assessments (i.e., blood pressure, pulse, and respiration rate) of participants. During Module 3, 10, 11, and 12 paramedics must be on site for the entirety of the practical exercises. Emergency medical technicians may be used for the conduct of the baseline medical screening.

- Decontamination set-up and support (for decontamination of simulated contaminant) by the agency that would normally provide such services to the local emergency response personnel is required for Module 7 and module 12. If such a working relationship has not been established or is otherwise unavailable to support the training, the host agency will provide the following for Modules 7 and 12:
  - Four 8'x8' plastic ground sheets or tarpaulins
  - Four 50-gallon plastic drums (or similar containers) for equipment
  - Two plastic handheld sprayers
  - Two 100' garden hoses with a garden wand and a source of water
  - Two containment basins or pools for collection of simulated contaminate runoff
  - Five plastic grates to be placed inside and outside the containment basins in the decontamination line
  - Two stools or benches for personnel to sit or steady themselves during removal of personal protective equipment
  - Four, 5-gallon buckets
  - Four soft bristle brushes
  - Two rolls of barrier tape
  - Twelve large traffic cones
• Soap, water, towels, and modesty clothing

• Telephone or radio communication for emergency use at exercise facilities during Modules 3, 10, 11, and 12.

• If the host or participating agencies are currently employing chemical/biological/ radiological monitoring and detection equipment in their response capability, then it is encouraged they bring two sets of such equipment, if available, for Modules 2, 6, 8, 9, 11, and 12. Otherwise, LSU will provide detection and monitoring equipment.

• A tactical exercise site on the afternoon of the first day, such as a large parking lot, driving range, or firearms range located less than a 30-minute drive from the classroom, where participants can perform the following: don PPE, conduct a tactical practical exercise, and doff PPE.

• Facility for conducting building clearing operations located less than a 30-minute drive from the classroom. No live fire will be conducted. Facility should include a minimum of four rooms, at least two entry points, and be located away from the classroom facility. If possible, two different such sites should be provided, one for use on days three and four, and a different facility for day 5.

• An outside “rehearsal area” consisting of open ground and/or buildings (adjacent or in close proximity to each exercise site) for conducting pre-assault rehearsals.

• Staging areas for the participants and instructors located at each facility to include parking for vehicles.

• Twenty pounds of ice must be available each day for the purpose of freezing the inserts for the cool vests in warm climates.

• Hydration stations will be set up at each facility (e.g., three, 5-gallon jugs with ice water or sport drink and drinking cups).

Participant Equipment Requirements

All participants are required to wear the agency issued uniform and assault boots to class each day of the course. Additionally, each participant will bring their air purifying respirator (APR) with filters, and agency issued tactical equipment (e.g., helmet, goggles, ballistics vest, elbow and knee pads, etc.) to the course daily. Practical exercises on each day of the course will require the use of all or some of this equipment. Officer issued weapons, both primary and secondary, are not required for this course. Each officer is responsible for properly securing their weapons during the training course. No personal or agency weapon (including impact and less lethal weapons), live ammunition, weapon magazines,
knife, or flashbangs are to be on the officer or in the training area (including classroom) at any time during this course.

Participants should arrive early so the medical personnel can take the participants’ vital signs.

Participants should also be reminded they need to have their air purifying respirator (APR) and other agency issued tactical equipment (e.g., helmet, goggles, ballistics vest) for all modules. If they do not have this equipment for this module, they should get this equipment and bring it to Module 2.