



AMBUSH SURVIVAL / CONTEMPORARY STREET TACTICS



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Contemporary Street Tactics

1. This class will cover safety considerations for _____ an ambush, _____ to an ambush, and critical planning for survival for such encounters.
2. _____% of the Officers were alone at the time of the attack. _____% of the suspects did NOT have a violent criminal record prior to the attack.
3. As Police officers, often our greatest enemy is _____ and fighting complacency!
4. Four Factors Typically Define An Ambush Attack:
 - a. An element of _____
 - b. Assailants who conceal themselves, their weapons, or their _____
 - c. The _____ of the attack
 - d. A lack of _____
5. There Are Two Types of Ambush Attacks:
 - a. _____ -An attack which occurs without planning, often fight or flight, traffic stops, disturbance calls, warrant arrests etc. Can result from any negative contact with law enforcement
 - b. _____ -An attack which has often had a great deal of planning and preparation. Suspect chooses the time, location, and method. Often uses a distraction to shift your focus to something else.
6. (7) Essential Keys to Possessing A Survival Mindset:
 1. _____ - Those who have survived before us
 2. _____ - The engine that helps survivor mentality become a reality
 3. _____ - The body follows the head
 4. **Eliminate _____ Traps-**
 - i. Mental Paralysis
 - ii. Victim Mentality
 5. _____ - Controlled anger activates the basic survival instinct that alerts the body's physiology to be prepared.
 6. _____ - Never giving up is essential to successful survivor mentality.



7. _____ - Keys 1 through 6 are really precursors to the final key: training
7. _____ - Unpredictable tactical action can defeat your enemy
8. **RECOGNITION ELIMINATES** _____ - If you can see the ambush even one second before it initiates you are on the way to defeating your enemy. Time is all about surviving. Your tactical action must happen in split seconds.
9. While taking meal breaks and eating at public locations, always avoid sitting in _____ as you can be trapped within.
10. Get the _____ seat facing the entrance so you can identify and read body language of everyone entering your environment.
11. _____ sitting next to large exterior glass windows.
12. Response Options to Ambush Attacks While Inside Your Patrol Vehicle
 - a. Run The Suspect Over
 - b. Tactically Retreat, Getting Out of the _____
 - c. Get Out and Fight
13. If Ambushed While Walking Outside and Approaching A Scene:
 - a. _____ following each other and take cover _____
14. Pursuits-
 - a. If the suspects runs on foot...
 - b. _____ the vehicle first
 - c. Never turn your _____ on what you haven't cleared
 - d. Clear every _____ before proceeding past

Pursuits are one of the most dangerous engagements we can do in LE, and one of the easiest ambush scenarios to plan.
15. "Routine Calls for Service"
 - a. Use your instincts and _____



- b. _____ your response. Look and listen before approaching the scene.
- c. Watch for funnels and _____
- d. Respond from different _____ and park at different locations, not behind each other.
- e. Walk to the scene in different paths, don't _____ up.
- f. Always be looking for _____ as you approach (trees, concrete walls, vehicles, etc.)

16. Downed Officer Rescue-

- a. If reasonably practical, do not attempt a rescue _____. Work in teams so you can have a lethal cover option. (extremely difficult to drag and fight simultaneously). If practical, develop a plan prior to attempting any rescues.

We are not called to kill, we are not called to die, but we are all called to serve our civilization in this dark hour. It's about preserving and protecting. It is about serving and sacrificing. It is about doing a dirty, desperate, thankless job, every day of your life, to the utmost of your ability, because you know that if no one did that job our civilization would be doomed.



FILL IN THE BLANK ANSWER KEY

1. Avoiding, Responding
 2. 82%, 25%
 3. Denial
 4. Surprise, Intents, Suddenness, provocation
 5. Spontaneous, Pre-Planned
 6. History, Physical Conditioning, Think Survival, Eliminate Emotional Traps, Focused Anger, Maintain Hope, Training.
 7. Movement
 8. Surprise
 9. Booths
 10. "Gunfighter"
 11. Avoid
 12. Kill Box
 13. Avoid, Separately
 14. Clear, Back, Corner
 15. Gift of Fear, Slow, Choke Points
 16. Alone
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