RA Tactics - Patrol Response to HRT

The Patrol Hostage Rescue Tactics course by RA Tactics is designed to provide patrol personnel with a structured, repeatable approach to responding to hostage situations and making critical decisions during rapidly evolving incidents.

The course centers around **five essential steps in the patrol hostage rescue process**:

1. **Information** – Gathering, evaluating, and communicating critical intelligence about the incident, subjects, victims, location, weapons, and surrounding environment.
2. **Set-Up** – Establishing appropriate positions, containment, communication, resources, and a tactical plan based on the information available.
3. **Entry & Movement** – Applying deliberate movement and team coordination principles while navigating the structure and working toward the objective.
4. **Location of the Hostage** – Identifying, confirming, and prioritizing the location of the hostage when that information is available.
5. **Extraction** – Safely recovering the hostage and transitioning from the immediate rescue problem to stabilization, accountability, and continued control of the scene.

A major focus of the course is understanding **what differentiates a hostage situation from a barricaded-subject situation**. Students will examine the tactical and decision-making considerations that change when a victim is being held against their will, as opposed to a subject who has barricaded themselves without a hostage.

The class emphasizes **repetition, problem-solving, communication, and decision-making under pressure**. Students will work through numerous practical scenarios designed to expose them to different information gaps and rapidly changing circumstances.

Scenarios will include:

- **Known suspect location / unknown victim location**
- **Known victim location / unknown suspect location**
- **Unknown suspect location / unknown victim location**
- Developing and adjusting plans as new information becomes available
- Recognizing when an incident has characteristics of a hostage situation versus a barricaded-subject situation

Through repeated practical exercises and scenario-based training, students will learn to apply the five-step framework while adapting to incomplete or conflicting information. The goal is to develop a **consistent, disciplined approach to patrol hostage rescue incidents** that supports sound tactical decision-making, effective communication, and the safe resolution of the incident.

This is a hands-on, scenario-driven course built around repetition and practical application, not simply classroom discussion.

Registration will be handled directly through RA Tactics website, please CLICK HERE to register.