



# SWAT Operator I

16<sup>th</sup> Session

This 15-day course prepares officers to participate in high-risk warrant services, armed barricaded person operations and hostage rescue incidents as a member of a tactical team. Special emphasis is placed on how SWAT teams can utilize mutual aid concepts during tactical operations. The course is limited to a maximum of 16 students.

**Virginia officers will receive 120 hours DCJS in-service training credit**

## Topics include:

- Building clearing techniques for high-risk warrant, barricaded person and hostage rescue
- Familiarization with distraction devices, chemical agents, and impact munitions
- Shooting skills for building clearing and perimeter operations
- Tactical casualty care
- Control techniques for tactical operations
- Introduction to breaching with ram, haligan and window key
- Negotiations techniques for tactical officers
- Applying mutual aid concepts during tactical operations
- Incident command system & command post operations

## Required Equipment:

- Duty Long gun with sling, attached light system & 3 magazines
- Duty handgun with holster & 3 magazines
- 1800 rounds long gun, 500 rounds handgun ammunition
- Gas mask with carrier
- 12-gauge shotgun, 25 rounds low power #8 birdshot
- Utility uniforms adequate for range training
- Small backpack
- Tactical ballistic vest & ballistic helmet

## Provided by CCJTA:

- M4 Simunition conversion kits & marking cartridges
- Training distraction devices, chemical agents, and impact munitions

**Where:** Crater Criminal Justice Training Academy (CCJTA)  
6130 County Drive  
Disputanta, VA 23842  
804-722-9742

**Dates:** **October 12 – 16, 2026**  
*October 17 & 18, Days Off*  
**October 19 – 23, 2026**  
*October 24 & 25, Days off*  
**October 26 – 30, 2026**  
**3-week course**  
**Must attend all three weeks**

**Cost:** Free to CCJTA member agencies, this course is not open to non-member agencies

**To register go to:** DCJS TRACER System

**For further information contact:**  
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