



TACTICAL FLIGHT OFFICER (TFO) COURSE

ORANGE COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER | RM W104A
Monday, July 17 - Wednesday, July 19 | 0800 – 1700 Daily

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COURSE OBJECTIVES: The Tactical Flight Officer Course is designed to provide aircrew members the tactical skills and information necessary to safely and successfully support ground units engaged in a variety of law enforcement missions. Although specifically designed for tactical flight officers, this course is applicable to pilots and crewmembers alike and is also a valuable course for unit supervisors. Attendees will learn the elements of crew coordination, gain knowledge on how to set up a perimeter, direct the activities of ground units from the air, manage a vehicle pursuit and conduct a thermal imagery search using the latest in airborne tactics. Additionally, attendees will learn what specialized equipment is available and how to properly use the most common tools. This class is essential to the professional development of aviation law enforcement personnel and meets one of the requirements for TFO training related to accreditation.

Maximum enrollment: 70

INTENDED AUDIENCE: This course is specifically intended for law enforcement personnel assigned to aviation support units as Tactical Flight Officers. Flight Observers, Pilots and Unit Supervisors.

DAY ONE		JULY 17, 2023
0800 – 0830	Introductions and Course Overview	Clay Lacey
0830 – 1030	Legal Aspects of Airborne Law Enforcement	Ryan Welch
1030 – 1200	TFO Selection and Training	Clay Lacey
1200 – 1300	Lunch On Own	
1300 – 1700	Helicopter Patrol Tactics	Clay Lacey

DAY TWO		JULY 18, 2023
0800 – 0930	Aviation Safety for Aircrews	Bryan Smith
0930 – 1100	Pursuit Management	Clay Lacey
1100 – 1200	Personal Protective and Safety Equipment	Dudley Crosson, PhD
1200 – 1300	Lunch On Own	
1300 – 1700	Suspect Tactics and Perimeter Containments	Clay Lacey

DAY THREE		JULY 19, 2023
0800 – 1000	Thermal Imagery Theory and Tactics	Ryan Welch
1000 – 1100	Fixed-Wing Tactics and Applications	Jon Pierce
1100 – 1200	Airborne Use of Force Program Overview	Clay Lacey
1200 – 1300	Lunch On Own	
1300 – 1430	Air Support to K-9 Operations	Clay Lacey
1430 – 1600	CRM for Law Enforcement Crews	Clay Lacey
1600 – 1700	Course Review and Critique	Clay Lacey

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