



## Law Enforcement Officers

Law enforcement officers face a wide spectrum of unpredictable and rapidly unfolding encounters, many of them occurring at close range, in compressed time frames, and under intense public scrutiny. Whether in uniform, plain clothes, or specialized units, officers must be prepared to respond with precision, confidence, and restraint.

At Tom Sotis LLC, we provide high-intensity edged weapon training designed specifically for the real-world demands of law enforcement. Our programs reinforce officer safety, decision-making under pressure, and the lawful use of force—while equipping officers with tools that are both tactically sound and legally defensible.

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### Meeting the Demands of the Modern Street Encounter

#### **Fast, Close, and Often Without Warning:**

Many of today's threats emerge from routine stops, public disturbances, or suspect interactions gone volatile. Officers must often react within seconds, in close quarters, and without the luxury of distance. Knife training enhances an officer's ability to control, neutralize, and survive such encounters when empty-hand techniques fall short and firearms are not an appropriate or timely option.

#### **Weapon Retention and Duty Knife Use:**

Our programs emphasize weapon protection—ensuring that officers can maintain control of their own tools under duress, including pistols, batons, and knives. In addition, we teach tactical applications of the duty knife, turning what is often treated as a utility blade into a legitimate survival tool.

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### A Practical Layer of Force for Today's Legal Environment

#### **Measured, Defensible Response Options:**

Edged weapon training offers officers a scalable force option when dealing with aggressive suspects in environments where lethal force may be inappropriate or draw significant legal risk. We train officers not only in technique, but in justification—ensuring every move aligns with department policy and real-world accountability.

#### **Survivability with Legal Clarity:**

Every movement taught in our system is pressure-tested and situationally validated. Officers learn how to manage threats with appropriate control, and how to articulate their decisions clearly in reports, investigations, or court proceedings.



## **Built for Patrol, Investigations, and Plainclothes Operations**

### **Uniformed Officers:**

For patrol officers, edged weapon training enhances situational awareness, improves defensive reflexes, and sharpens decision-making in spontaneous or ambush encounters.

### **Plainclothes and Detectives:**

Officers in non-uniform roles face unique risks due to their lower visual deterrent profile. Knife skills provide a low-visibility, high-effectiveness option when concealed carry is required or when operations occur in weapon-restricted environments.

### **Specialized Units:**

For units conducting high-risk warrants, surveillance, or interdiction, edged weapon proficiency becomes a decisive edge in close-quarters engagements or when operating in non-permissive conditions.

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## **Tactical, Practical, and Professionally Delivered**

### **Realistic Scenario Training:**

Our programs include scenario-based drills tailored to law enforcement settings—traffic stops, domestic calls, foot pursuits, suspect searches, and confined space engagements. Officers don't just learn technique—they learn how to apply it under pressure.

### **Customizable Department Delivery:**

Whether for in-service training, academy programs, or command staff certification, we provide scalable options for departments of all sizes. Our team can deliver training on-site, or help agencies build internal training capacity with licensed instructors.

### **Officer Safety Comes First:**

At the heart of our training is the mission to bring officers home safe. Every lesson, drill, and principle is designed to enhance survivability, confidence, and operational control—while aligning with the realities of modern policing.

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## **Conclusion: The Next Level of Officer Preparedness**

In a profession where the unpredictable is routine and every decision is scrutinized, edged weapon training offers a critical tactical advantage. Tom Sotis LLC equips law enforcement professionals with the mindset, skills, and legal clarity to respond effectively when the situation leaves no time for hesitation.

For officers on the street, in plain clothes, or in specialty assignments, edged weapon training isn't just useful—it's essential.