

Covert Methods of Entry (CMOE) Course

The Covert Methods of Entry (CMOE) Course provides students with an overall understanding of covert entry techniques for defeating different types of locks, including vehicular locks, using commercial and improvised tools, and bypass methods to defeat locks. Students leave the course with a very good overall knowledge of the equipment and the proper expertise needed to operate in the real world.



1. Objective: Learn the fundamentals of, and practice proven TTPs for covert entry.



2. Lesson Assessment: Daily classroom instruction, hands-on assessments & practical exercises are given to demonstrate a mastery of that day's objective. Each day of class includes hands-on demonstrations by the instructor. When the instructor is confident that the objective of the demonstration is understood, the class conducts practical exercises to test their comprehension of the task. These practical exercises include defeating warded, disk, & pin tumbler locks, vehicle & structure locks, planning and conducting surveillance missions utilizing techniques taught in class. The instructor also insures that the class understands key terminology, as it is used repeatedly in the classroom and during the practical exercises.

3. Prerequisites: Students of the CMOE Course need to have no specific knowledge in order to attend the course. Mission planning experience is helpful, but not necessary to attend or complete the course. **Enrollment is restricted to individuals who are employed as law enforcement agents, investigators, or officers; members of the U.S. military; non-contract employees of the Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, and U.S. intelligence agencies.** Students need a willingness to learn and an attitude that fosters a good learning environment for all parties involved.
4. Materials: Students need note taking materials and cell phones. As the majority of learning is dependent upon having the necessary materials TSE, Inc. will provide the following equipment: entry tools, student practical exercise supplies & sites. **In the event the students want to train on their unit specific equipment, the students will need to bring that equipment to the course.**
5. Instruction: The instruction given by TSE, Inc. is paramount to the student's successful understanding of the course objectives. A power point presentation is used as a teaching and lecture tool, however instructor guided demonstrations & individual practical exercises make up 90% of the course.

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6. Student activities: Student activities are geared toward a 5-day block of instruction.

Day 1: Focuses on instruction in locks and tool basics, picking and raking pin tumbler locks, padlocks, tubular locks, warded and wafer locks.

Day 2: Progresses to lock bypass techniques with commercially available tools.

Day 3: Focuses on gaining entry using improvised tools that the students must construct from readily available materials utilizing the principles taught during the first two days. Students will then revisit all of the locks they previously opened and enter them again with their own tools.

Day 4: Students progress to vehicle entry with both commercial and expedient tools, and learn to operate various key machines.

Day 5: The final day consists of the students planning and executing a non-permissive vehicle and structure entry mission. Once inside, the students will be required to gain entry into other areas and conduct sensitive site exploitation (SSE) of the vehicle and the building. The last day ends with a course critique and question and answer session.



7. Contact: For questions concerning registration, training, and location please contact the Director of Training, Mark Conneaway at (910) 425-7232 or 3360, or via email at training@tserecon.com.