

Training Name: Specialty

Course Name: Tactical Surveillance: Hiding in Plain Sight

Dates: 11/05/2026 - 11/06/2026

Venue: Spring Branch ISD Training Facility
Houston, Texas

Price: \$550

Instructors: Blake D VanPelt
VanPelt Consulting

Course Description:

****The Texas Tactical Police Officers Association (TTPOA) Regional 2 Directors will be available to address inquiries via email and will respond between the hours of 1500 and 0700 or on weekends as necessary.****

Hosted by: **VanPelt Consulting**

Master the art of covert operations with **Tactical Surveillance: Hiding in Plain Sight** — a course that trains officers to observe, track, and gather intelligence without being detected. This class will have a classroom portion but a majority of it will be practical applications. This class will rely heavily on surveillance utilizing vehicles in the Greater Houston area. This course will test Officers ability to conduct surveillance with major variables, suspect actions, Officer assets, traffic etc. All Officers involved in the training of this course will make a mandatory roll call the first day of class to go over the objectives, learning points and safety precautions that this course will entail. More detail will be provided in person once you attend this course. Day 1 will be at the Spring Branch ISD school listed above, it will be in the ALERRT classroom inside that facility.

Course Details

- Cost: \$550
- Duration: 2 Days
- TCOLE Credit: 16 Hours

What You'll Learn

- Pre-surveillance preparation and team coordination
- Static, mobile, foot, and freeway surveillance techniques
- Surveillance terminology and communication
- Use of technology and equipment
- Live practical exercises

Why It Matters

Effective surveillance is critical for building cases, identifying suspects, and preventing crime — all without alerting targets.

Why Train with Us

Led by elite Houston PD instructors with decades of surveillance experience, this course delivers real-world skills through immersive, hands-on training.

Student Gear Requirements:

- Your vehicle (what you work in)
- Wrap around eye protection and ear protection (if applicable for tactical portions)
- Binoculars
- Cell phone and charger
- Laptop (if available)
- Radio with extra batteries or car charger
- Medical bag / IFAK
- Rifle and tactical gear (pistol, vest, duty belt, helmet etc)
- Weather-appropriate gear
- No live ammunition (bring sims if possible)
- Plain clothes (if possible)

What Else to Bring

- Water bottle or hydration system
- Breakfast, snacks, and lunch (no meals provided during the day)
- Sunscreen and bug spray
- Notebook and pen for field notes
- Personal medications
- Backup batteries or chargers (for radios, phones, laptops)
- Hat and sunglasses (critical for outdoor and mobile surveillance)
- Weather-appropriate outerwear
- Plainclothes or low-profile clothing (if instructed for covert exercises)

What Makes This Course Unique

Led by experienced undercover officers, this course dives into the art of surveillance, teaching officers how to stay undetected, gather actionable intel, and use it for arrests, warrants, and takedowns.

Got Questions? Contact Us:

Email: VanpeltConsultingLLC@gmail.com

Phone: (713) 449-2327

Credit card payment is strongly recommended. Last day to cancel and get your money back will be 10-05-26. If paying by check, make checks payable to: TTPOA and send them to PO Box 304, Burnet, Texas 78611 Make sure the check has a note saying " Region 2 Surveillance Class"

Food not provided

Any information regarding this course or refunds reach out to Regional Directors Victor Bachar or Scott Ragsdale

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Training Description:

TTPOA believes in bringing in some of the best instructors in the country to share their knowledge and experience. If you have requests for a specific instructor or course, contact your [Regional Director](#).