

**Training Name:** Tactics

**Course Name:** Basic SWAT School

**Dates:** 11/08/2026 - 11/13/2026

**Venue:** Amarillo Shooting Complex  
Amarillo, TX 79124

**Price:** \$500

**Instructors:** Toby Hudson

### **Course Description:**

Amarillo PD SWAT will host a 6-day, 60-hour Basic SWAT School November 8<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

### **Topics covered include:**

- SWAT History
- Team Selection and Structure
- Liability
- Equipment
- Breaching
- Distraction Devices
- Dynamic Entry
- Team Movements
- Vehicle-Related Tactics
- Bomb/SWAT Interoperability
- Sniper Operations
- Mission Planning
- Slow-Search Structure Clearing
- Crisis Negotiations
- Less-Lethal Munitions
- Chemical Agents

### **Prerequisites:**

Students must be certified peace officers or active military personnel, in good standing with their agency. Students must be able to provide their agency ID on the first day of class.

There will be a pass/fail physical assessment the morning of the first day of class. Students should show up for class in PT gear --bring BDUs to change after.

Students failing the physical assessment will not be allowed to stay in the class

The course will include hands-on instruction in as many of the topics as possible, allowing officers to apply the knowledge learned in the classroom. APD SWAT strives to make this class as active as possible, spending about half of the time on the range or in their Sims House. The course will begin with a Physical Fitness Test. APD SWAT currently uses a

modified version of the U.S. Army ACFT, holding minimum times/reps for each exercise. Those standards for each exercise are:

- Deadlift – 3 reps x 200 lbs
- Power Throw – 8 meters (10 lb. med ball)
- 30 Arm Extension Push-Ups (2 min time)
- Sprint, Drag, Carry Exercise in less than 2 mins 10 secs
- 5 Leg Tucks from a hanging position
- 1-mile Run in less than 9 mins

You can view the exercises here (the leg tucks have been removed from the Army version and will be demonstrated on Day 1 of the school) - [Army Combat Fitness Test](#)

### **Required Equipment:**

PT clothing

BDU or other similar tactical uniform

Duty/tactical belt

Body armor

Wrap around eye protection

Duty handgun (300rds of live ammunition, 150rds of simunition)

Duty rifle (300rds of live ammunition, 150rds of simunition)

Your own simunition weapons or conversion kits if preferred, but some can be provided

Live fire PPE

NLTA PPE

Gas mask

Any protective gear you choose such as knee or elbow pads, gloves, etc.

Note taking material

Plenty of water and snacks

**Day 1 will start at West Plains High School for the fit test. The remainder of the course will be held at the Amarillo Shooting Complex listed above. The address for West Plains High School is 10576 Arden Rd, Amarillo TX 79124**

APD SWAT instructors have over 60 years of combined full-time SWAT experience, and seek to share their knowledge and experience with motivated students who have a passion for tactics and teamwork. If you have any questions for APD SWAT members, contact Cpl. Brian Ainsworth at [brian.ainsworth@amarillo.gov](mailto:brian.ainsworth@amarillo.gov) or [806-378-4267](tel:806-378-4267).

Any other inquiries regarding the course, registration, payment or other questions can be directed to [kolton.pirkle@ttpoa.org](mailto:kolton.pirkle@ttpoa.org).

**Credit card payment is strongly recommended.**

If paying by check, make check payable to "TTPOA" and reference "Amarillo Basic SWAT - Reg 5." Mail check to:

TTPOA

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Burnet, TX 78611

For early registrations, all fees are due by October 25, 2025. There will be no refunds or course credit for cancellations after that date. For those who sign up after that date, all fees are due upon registration.

**Training Description:**

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