



North Carolina Department of Public Safety Samar cand Training Academy

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Request for Use of Samar cand Training Academy TAC House

The following request form is designed to ensure your agency may be afforded the opportunity of using the Samar cand Training Academy for your training event. We will make every effort to honor your requested date(s), but we reserve the right to reschedule if necessary. Participants utilizing the TAC House on the main campus are responsible for cleaning and having the building inspected by Academy Staff at the completion of training AND following ALL Safety Protocols for Scenario Based Force-on-Force Training. Glock simunition pistols are available for use, but agencies MUST provide their own safety gear for participants.

Please e-mail the completed facility request to: Samar candReservationRequest@ncdps.gov

1. NAME: _____
 2. TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____
 3. AGENCY NAME/DIVISION NAME: _____
 4. DATE(S) REQUESTED FOR USE: _____ TIME REQUESTED FOR USE: _____
 5. ALTERNATE DATE: _____
 6. TYPE OF TRAINING: _____

 7. NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN TRAINING CLASS: _____
 8. PLANNED USE OF NON-LETHAL TRAINING AMMUNITION (NLTA): YES NO
 9. REQUEST USE OF SAMARCAND GLOCK SIMUNITION PISTOLS (12): YES NO
- I will make sure the training site is cleaned and neat before I leave.
 - I will make sure all equipment is in place and nothing has been removed from the training site.
 - I will make sure the target stands and cleaning equipment have been returned to original location before I leave.
 - I will make sure the exterior of the structure and carport are cleaned of all debris and carport swept clean.
 - I will make sure all empty cartridges are picked up and trash removed before I leave.
 - I have attached a copy of the training schedule.
 - I have reviewed and signed the Samar cand Safety Protocols for Scenario Based Training in TAC House**

Force on Force Training – Samar cand Training Academy maintains very strict safety protocols and guidelines for use of Lethal Firearms and/or Non-lethal training ammunition (NLTA) during Force-On-Force Scenario based practical exercises and training events. Training Coordinators are required to submit a signed copy of the Samar cand Training Academy Safety Protocols for Scenario Based Training prior to use of the TAC House (attached.) The Academy staff reserves the right to inspect all firearms being utilized by the training personnel in the training event. Any vehicles being utilized in the training scenario must be absent of all firearms and lethal ammunition and subject to inspection and approval by the Academy Staff. **Under no circumstances are non-converted, lethal, live fire weapons to be in the possession of Instructors or trainees during scenario- based training.**

Training Coordinator (Printed Name)

Date

Signature



North Carolina Department of Public Safety

Samarcard Training Academy

Tactical Training Building (TAC House)

SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR SCENARIO BASED TRAINING (FORCE-ON-FORCE)

Of all training accidents, police officers shooting each other in simulation drills are the most tragic and are also the most difficult for some officers and civilians to comprehend. The very concept of having officers point real guns at each other in training scenarios violates several of the most revered rules of safe gun handling and thus makes scenario-based training, utilizing NLTA, problematic because of the potential for serious injury or death - what makes it uniquely valuable in a training sense also makes it a high-risk endeavor.

BELOW ARE THE MANDATORY SAMARCAND SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR UTILIZATION OF LETHAL FIREARMS AND/OR NON-LETHAL TRAINING AMMUNITION (NLTA) DURING FORCE-ON-FORCE SCENARIO BASED PRACTICAL EXERCISES AND TRAINING EVENTS.

PURPOSE - The purpose of these safety protocols is to establish mandatory procedures and guidelines for personnel conducting non-lethal, force on force scenario-based training utilizing agency issued firearms and employing marking projectiles, at Samarcard Training Academy. This type of training may require the participants to present their weapon, engage, and possibly shoot Non-lethal Training Ammunition (NLTA) at interacting human targets. NLTA will include, but is not limited to, the following types of projectiles: marking cartridges, paint balls, and others as approved by the Director, Samarcard Training Academy. **Under no circumstances are non-converted, lethal, live fire weapons to be in the possession of Instructors or trainees during training.**

TRAINING SITE - The only approved training site on campus for Reality Based Training is the Tactical Training Building (TAC House), located on the main campus, between Administration Buildings A and D. The training site is a two-story building with an interior staircase and surrounded on three (3) sides with a chain link fence, a pedestrian gate, and a vehicle gate. Some of the training capabilities include mechanical breaching on the front entrance door; Noise Flash Diversionary Devices (NFDD's) may be deployed in the entry way/foyer area or on the exterior of the building; an interior room has been designed with wall and floor mats for unarmed self-defense practical exercises; a state of the art lighting system that can be controlled by smart devices; a break and rake window with real glass; training furniture; and paper target stands. Emergency equipment (AED, Trauma Bag, First Aid Kit) is located in a first-floor closet for participant's use, if needed, and restrooms are located in the lobby of Administration Building D. **NO vehicles** are permitted inside of the gated perimeter unless being used in a training scenario.

I. Weapon Carry Policies and Procedures

1. Agency Issued/Duty weapons that will be carried during practical training exercises are required to be rendered safe in the Student Parking Lot under **direct supervision of the Training Coordinator or Lead Instructor** and all live ammunition is required to be stored in the student's vehicle.
2. For handgun carry (not utilizing NLTA), participants will be issued either Glock blue/red training pistols or yellow chamber flags to be inserted in the barrel of their duty weapon (handgun.)
3. For long gun carry (not utilizing NLTA), participants will be required, in student parking lot after rendering safe, to either convert their weapon to utilize only non-lethal training ammunition (barrel conversion kit) or insert a chamber flag into the barrel.
4. When the participant is participating in **ANY** type of training exercise or event on the main campus, the Academy will no longer permit lethal and loaded firearms past the Academy Administration Buildings, which have not been properly cleared and rendered safe in the manner described in paragraph #2 or #3 above.
5. Handguns out of battery (slide locked to the rear), long guns with bolt open, weapons covered with

blue tape, weapons with yellow crime scene tape inserted into the barrel and through the magazine well, and any other methods of rendering a weapon safe, are no longer permitted methods of rendering an agency issued/duty weapon as safe for training exercises.

6. Unannounced inspections by Academy Staff of participants in the training exercises may occur. Participants found to be in violation of the Academy's policies and protocols will be directed to return to the student parking lot for the remainder of the training event or directed to leave the campus.
7. All Non-DPS participants are required to read and sign the Samarcand Training Academy Reality Based Force on Force Waiver, Release, and Indemnification Agreement prior to participating in training exercises (see attachment.)

A. **Training Coordinator** - The Training Coordinator (TC)

1. Primary responsibilities will be to establish and maintain a safe training environment and to ensure that the Samarcand NLTA safety rules and procedures are followed and enforced.
2. ***The Training coordinator must have successfully completed a Simmunition Instructor/Safety Officer Course or equivalent.***
3. The (TC) must be on site and present for the duration of the assigned training exercises and/or NLTA training session.
4. For non-NLTA training exercises, the TC will obtain the force-on-force weapons kit from the Academy Range Master, or his designee, and be responsible for issuing the equipment to all participants.
5. The TC will ensure that the following Samarcand safety rules and procedures are adhered to and will affix his/her signature acknowledging receipt of the Safety Protocols.
6. The TC will ensure that the signed Samarcand Training Academy Reality Based Force on Force Waiver for all participants is provided to the Range Master, or his designee, prior to the initiation of training exercises.

B. **Training Safety Officer** – The Training Safety Officer (TSO)

1. ***The TSO must have successfully completed a Simmunition Instructor/Safety Officer Course or equivalent.***
2. Sole responsibility is to insure safety. The TSO should not assume the roles of TC and TSO during training scenarios.
3. Responsible for safety briefing.
4. Installs weapons conversion kits for utilization of NLTA or in case of dedicated weapons inspects "blue" guns.
5. The TSO will ensure that all magazines for weapons will be filled and prepared with NLTA; however, students should load and charge their NLTA weapons, on TSO command.
6. The TSO will conduct "Physical" inspections for live ammunition and weapons, to include edged, impact and/ chemical weapons, and remove them from the training area and from all personnel immediately prior to any participant entering the training area. **Under no circumstances are non-converted, lethal, live fire weapons to be in the possession of Instructors or trainees during training.**
7. Inspects/issues all training equipment, props and protective gear.
8. Responsible for keeping training area free of live weapons and ammunition as training staff and students leave and return. The TSO should also inspect the accessible areas of the scenario facilities and/or vehicles for prohibited items prior to admitting any students or roll players.
9. The Safety Officer will insure that anyone observing, facilitating, or video-recording scenarios is wearing the mandatory protective gear while training is in progress.

C. **Training Environment**

1. Training zones need to be clearly defined:
2. Unsafe zone - all live weapons and ammunition are secured here.

3. Semi Safe zone - briefing/staging area.
4. Safe zone - scenario area; training weapons and training ammunition issued here.
5. Entrance to safe zone must be a controlled access point - “Choke Point”
6. Physical search of all personnel- instructors and trainees.
7. Physical search of all training equipment.

D. Mandatory Safety Equipment When Utilizing NLTA

1. Eyes and/or full face
2. Throat
3. Groin
4. Required for all personnel in the scenario area.
5. Recommended Additional Equipment – Gloves, Long sleeves, body armor.

E. 10 Safety Guidelines for Scenario Based Training

1. No live weapons or ammunition are allowed past the Administration Building or in the secured area during force on force exercises.
2. Every participant should be concerned with safety. If at any time someone perceives a situation to be hazardous, he is to shout “cease fire” until all participants stop all action.
3. If mandatory safety equipment becomes dislodged, stop action until situation is corrected.
4. If a student is uncomfortable with participating in force-on-force training it should be brought to the attention of the instructor prior to training.
5. Unsafe or frivolous behavior will not be tolerated.
6. If in doubt about something, ask.
7. Report any medical events, including minor injuries, immediately to a member of the Academy staff.
8. It is the responsibility of participants to disclose any existing injuries or health conditions to instructor prior to training.
9. Activities that may aggravate an injury or health problem are to be avoided.
10. Students, instructors and spectators must wear protective equipment depending on proximity to action.

By affixing my signature as the Training Coordinator, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the mandatory Safety Protocols for weapon carry and/or utilization of non-lethal training ammunition (NLTA) during Force-on-Force Scenario Based practical exercises and training events at Samarcand Training Academy. I further understand that my instructors and participants are mandated to abide by these safety protocols during their participation in the training. Should my instructors and participants fail to adhere to these safety protocols and procedures, it may result in my agency being asked to leave the campus with the possibility of being prevented from returning. Further, any and all negligent discharges and/or any injuries received during Force-on-Force Training are required to be IMMEDIATELY reported to Academy Staff.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

Witness Name (Samarcand Staff)

Signature

Date



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*Samarcard Training Academy
Firearms Training Center*

WAIVER, RELEASE, AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT FOR REALITY BASED FORCE ON FORCE TRAINING SCENARIOS

In consideration of being allowed to participate in Reality Based Force on Force training scenarios to be held at the Samarcard Training Academy on or about January 1st through December 31st, 2020, I hereby waive, release, acquit and forever discharge the State of North Carolina, Department of Public Safety, Samarcard Training Academy, and its agents and employees from all claims, actions, claims for relief, demands, rights, damages, costs, expenses (including attorney's fees), restitution and compensation, whether arising in equity, law or otherwise, which exist or which may hereafter accrue as a result of or in connection with my presence at the Academy, including, but not limited to, any and all injuries, personal injuries, death and property damage and the consequences thereof.

Furthermore, I agree to indemnify and hold the State of North Carolina, Department of Public Safety, Samarcard Training Academy and its agents and employees from all claims, actions, claims for relief, demands, rights, damages, costs, expenses (including attorney's fees), restitution and compensation, whether arising in equity, law or otherwise, which exist or which may hereafter accrue to any third party as a result of or in connection with my presence at the FTC, including, but not limited to, any and all injuries, personal injuries, death and property damage and the consequences thereof.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ THIS WAIVER, RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION AND FULLY UNDERSTANDS IT.

SIGNED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 20____.

Signature

Printed Name

WITNESSED BY:

Signature

Printed Name