PRAETORIAN
TRAINING GROUP

COURSE SYLLABUS

ARMORED VEHICLE DRIVING COURSE #3361

TCOLE COURSE	SINGLE AGENCY	MULTI-AGENCY	PLATFORM
#3361	8 hrs · up to 8	10 hrs · up to 20	Terradyne or Lenco BearCat

01 COURSE DESCRIPTION

The Armored Vehicle Driving Course (TCOLE #3361) is designed for team leaders, drivers, and anyone who creates or implements training for tactical teams that use armored vehicles. It is offered as an 8-hour single-agency class for up to 8 students, or a 10-hour multi-agency class for up to 20 students. Armored Vehicle Driver TCOLE credit is awarded.

The course prepares designated personnel to safely inspect, maneuver, position, and employ an armored rescue vehicle during tactical operations. Instruction emphasizes deliberate vehicle control, communication, use of the vehicle as mobile ballistic protection, protected approaches and rescues, safe dismount and withdrawal planning, live-fire employment from and around the armored platform, and the limits of controlled push, pull, and stabilization operations.

The course also includes operation of a Terradyne or Lenco BearCat powered boom and breaching-ram system. Students will inspect the boom and attachments, coordinate driver and boom-operator movement, position the vehicle for an instructor-approved mechanical breach, and support a simulated, agency-authorized chemical-agent deployment using inert training devices.

> This course does not independently certify students as chemical-agent operators, breachers, emergency-vehicle operators, or use-of-force instructors.

02 STUDENT PREREQUISITES

- Current law enforcement officer, authorized tactical support member, or other student approved by the training provider.
- Valid driver license for any student who will operate the vehicle.

- Agency authorization to participate in armored-vehicle and boom practical exercises.
- Working knowledge of the agency's basic tactical-team commands and operations.
- Physical ability to safely enter and exit the armored vehicle while wearing assigned protective equipment.
- Completion of any agency-required chemical-agent, breaching, or emergency-vehicle prerequisites for duties beyond the simulated tasks in this course.

03 REQUIRED STUDENT GEAR

- One armored vehicle per agency (Terradyne or Lenco BearCat)
- Tactical uniform or appropriate attire
- Body armor
- Helmet
- Eye and ear protection
- Gloves
- Hydration source

04 WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION

The course includes a law-enforcement live-fire block using the student's duty handgun and patrol rifle. Each student must arrive with serviceable, agency-approved weapons and the following minimum ammunition allotment:

50 rds
Factory-loaded duty or training **handgun** ammunition in the correct caliber

50 rds
Factory-loaded duty or training **rifle** ammunition in the correct caliber

- A minimum of two handgun magazines and two rifle magazines, marked for identification.
- Duty holster with active retention and a serviceable rifle sling.

Unless specifically approved by the range authority, ammunition may not include tracer, incendiary, armor-piercing, steel-core, explosive, or other restricted projectiles. The host agency may require additional ammunition for remediation or repeated drills and should notify students before the course date.

RANGE AND SAFETY RULES

- Weapons will be loaded, unloaded, cleared, and handled only on instructor command and in accordance with the host range safety plan.
- Live ammunition is prohibited in designated sterile areas used for inert chemical-agent devices, role players, dry boom operation, or breaching props unless the area is formally transitioned and controlled as a live-fire range.
- Only inert, non-pyrotechnic, instructor-approved training devices are required for the chemical-agent portion of this course.
- Live chemical-agent, pyrotechnic, diversionary-device, or destructive-breaching components are outside this course unless covered by separate authorization, qualified instructors, an approved site, and additional safety planning.

05 HOST AGENCY VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT

ITEM	REQUIREMENT
ARMORED VEHICLE	At least one serviceable armored rescue vehicle. A Terradyne or Lenco BearCat with a powered boom/breaching ram is required to complete the full boom block as written.
VEHICLE READINESS	Adequate fuel, current inspection and maintenance status, serviceable tires and brakes, functional cameras and mirrors, a charged electrical system, and the manufacturer's operator manual.
BOOM EQUIPMENT	Functional powered boom; control system; camera/lighting system when equipped; emergency stop; agency-approved ram, hook, pull, or other attachments; retaining pins and locks.
DRIVING COURSE	Traffic cones, barricades, marked stop points, spotter vests, lane markers, and enough secured space for turns, backing, and tactical positioning.
LIVE-FIRE RANGE	An approved law-enforcement range with a suitable backstop, target stands, steel or approved reactive targets, firing-line controls, vehicle-safe firing positions, a weapons clearing area, and a written range safety plan.
BREACHING PROPS	An instructor-approved training door, window, wall opening, or replaceable breach target designed for vehicle-boom contact. Props must be stable and positioned away from occupied structures and utilities.
PULLING EQUIPMENT	Only manufacturer- and agency-approved recovery points, rated straps, chains, hooks, shackles, and hardware. Rated capacity must be known and appropriate for the planned load.
CHEMICAL-AGENT TRAINING	Inert training devices, inert delivery equipment, or a simulator compatible with agency procedures. Live agents are not required.
COMMUNICATIONS	Portable radios or a dedicated training communications system for the driver, boom operator, spotter, safety officer, and tactical leader.
SAFETY AND MEDICAL	Trauma kit, fire extinguisher, emergency communications, designated emergency vehicle access, and a written emergency action plan.
CLASSROOM	Seating, display or projector, whiteboard, course handouts, attendance roster, evaluation forms, and copies of applicable policies and manuals.

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