



BASIC SWAT MEDIC COURSE

FLORIDA'S FORENSIC INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH, SECURITY & TACTICS

This course focuses on safe firearms use, basic tactical operations, team movements, high-threat extractions and officer safety. Additional topics include Tactical Combat Casualty Care and Tactical Emergency Casualty Care in warm and hot zones. This course is physically demanding and will use live fire and force-on-force drills. Additional equipment requirements will be sent after registration.

PHYSICAL FITNESS RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 20 YARD RUN IN 3.8 SECONDS
- 1 MILE RUN IN 8:30 MINUTES
- 50 PUSH-UPS IN 2 MINUTES
- 5 DEAD HANG PULLUPS
- 90 SECOND PLANK
- CARRY 50% OF BODYWEIGHT FOR 90 SECONDS AND 300 FEET
- ADDITIONALLY, BASIC PARAMEDIC CERTIFICATION IS A PRE-REQUISITE.



COST:

\$400 PER STUDENT

LIMITED TO 20 STUDENTS

PLEASE NOTE NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED

DATE:

DECEMBER 4-15, 2023

LOCATION:

PASCO SHERIFF'S OFFICE

FIREARMS RANGE

14645 SOFTWIND LN.

SPRING HILL, FL 34610

REGISTER AT:

FloridaFirstTraining.org/Upcoming-Training



F1RST Specialized Tactics and Security

When security measures are circumvented, well-trained tacticians must be ready to respond. F1RST is there to ensure our first responders are prepared for the complexity of threats in today's society. Our instructors have over 150 years of combined United States Military Special Operations experience. In addition, F1RST has partnered with D-Co, Trident Technologies and Consulting, and other tactical leadership and training companies comprised of distinguished servicemen and women from all branches of the armed forces. D-Co brings extensive experience in taking specialized military tactics proven to be effective in combat and applying them to law enforcement and first responders. At F1RST, you will receive some of the most intense tactical instruction available to first responders anywhere in the world.



As an international tactical training center, F1RST innovates the way first responders across America and the rest of the world respond to and resolve modern-day conflict and disasters. We are challenging traditional tactics and revolutionizing training in emergency response.

F1RST contains both indoor and outdoor training facilities that will allow real-world scenario-based training so tacticians can train exactly how they will be expected to respond. F1RST has two collapsed structure props (rubble piles) to help facilitate search and rescue, canine live find, and human remains detection trainings.

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Jimmy Hall, Canines in Public Safety

Jimmy has been in law enforcement for 30 years and for the last 26 years he has been in the K9 unit. Jimmy became a K9 trainer in 2002 and has trained hundreds of law enforcement dogs in disciplines such as Patrol, tracking, narcotics detection, explosives detection and human remains detection. Jimmy is currently an inspector with the Pasco Sheriff's Office/F1RST, in charge of all K9 training. Jimmy is responsible for standing up the Pasco Sheriff's Office human remains detection and disaster SAR K9 programs. Jimmy has also spent the last 5 years developing a tactical K9 program, which consists of 4 K9 teams integrated into the SWAT Team. For F1RST Jimmy is responsible for creating partnerships with academic institutions and organizations to facilitate research and training to improve the use of working dogs in public safety.

John Kuch UAS - John is a retired Fairfax County Police Officer after serving 26 years with 17 of those years in the Electronic Surveillance Section. He began flying drones in 2015 and became an FAA Part 107 certified pilot in 2016. He has utilized his certification to assist with exercise support for SOCOM and NSW. He worked as the Public Safety Sales Manager for Autel Robotics during which time he was recruited to Pasco Sheriff's Office in the position of Unmanned Systems Analyst. John is currently a Board Member for the Police Drone Commission with the International Emergency Drone Organization. He also serves as the Training Director for the Police Drone Commission.

Deana Hudgins, Live Find and Human Remains Detection Canine

Deana has been a K9 handler since 2001 and a trainer/evaluator since 2007 focusing on detection dogs as well as, live find and disaster. She is currently a Senior Training Analyst for the F1RST/Pasco Sheriff's Office K9 Unit in Florida and is also the owner of the Center for Forensic Training and Education. Deana has traveled the country as an instructor, evaluator, and facilitator for search and rescue classes and workshops. She has responded to hundreds of missing person searches for local, state and federal agencies. She frequently consults as a subject matter expert for large scale training exercises and cases, providing guidance in search strategy and planning, resource management, mapping and data collection.

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Austin Polonitza, Forensic Anthropologist – Austin Polonitza is the Forensic Science Administrator for Florida's Forensic Institute for Research, Security, and Tactics (F1RST). He started working for F1RST in May 2019. Prior to that, Austin was a laboratory assistant for board certified forensic anthropologist Dr. Heather Walsh-Haney at Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) for two years. Austin is a FGCU alumnus and received his Masters of Science in Forensic Studies with a focus on Human Identity and Trauma Analysis in 2016. He got into the field by discovering he had an interest in human anatomy, as well as investigations. Mr. Polonitza's original thesis focused on building a modern sample of neck organ blocks from medical examiner districts throughout Florida and analyzing traumatic injury from either hanging,

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ligature, or manual strangulation. In addition, he has assisted in over 50 osteological examination reports for various medical examiner offices throughout Florida and performed over 40 forensic archaeological field recoveries. As a member of the Florida Disaster Mortuary Operations Response System (FEMORS), he also assisted during the 2021 Surfside building collapse.

For F1RST, Austin Polonitza is responsible for overseeing research in the outdoor forensic facility, being the liaison for our anatomical gift partnership, coordinating research and education opportunities with academic and practitioner partnerships, and outfitting the research side of the Forensic Building. Additionally, as a member of the Pasco Sheriff's Office, he assists with casework and teaches relevant forensic techniques in anthropology, archaeology and osteology to various bureaus within the agency.

Matt Krause, Human Performance – Human Performance Advisor for the Pasco Sheriff's Office. He is also the Administrative Director of the Professional Baseball Strength & Conditioning Coaches Society. Served 24 seasons as the Director of Strength and Conditioning for various MLB programs such as the NY Yankees and Cincinnati Reds. Matt is the recipient of various honors including being named the 2013 "Nolan Ryan - Hammer Strength" Strength Coach of the Year for MLB and winning the 2012 Medical Staff of the Year award. He earned his master's degree in physical education from University of Central Florida in 1999 and his bachelor's degree in exercise and sports science from East Carolina University in 1997. Additionally, Matt is a certified strength and conditioning specialist (CSCS) with distinction from the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA), is a Registered Strength and Conditioning Coach a certified athletic trainer (ATC) for the National Athletic Trainers' Association

Capt. Jared Hill (Lt. Col. Retired, U.S. Army), SWAT – Captain Hill was assigned to Special Forces as a detachment commander in C Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne) where he commanded Special Operational Detachment Alphas 331, 332, and 334 from 1999 to 2001. He then served from 2001-2002 as the Company Commander for the Headquarters and Support Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne).

From 2002 – 2004, he served as a Small Group Instructor for the Special Forces Detachment Commanders Qualification Course at the John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center. In 2005, he served as the 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne) Adjutant and the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Afghanistan Assistant Operations Officer. In 2006 and 2007, he commanded Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne). He led Charlie Company on numerous combat operations during Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. Some of these operations include Operation MEDUSA, Operation EAGLE BANDIT, and Operation BAAZ TSUKA I and II.

After Operation MEDUSA, Capt. Hill was awarded the Bronze Star for Valor, NATO Meritorious Service Medal, Canadian Commander and Chief Medal for his actions during the Battle of Sperwan Ghar in September 2006 as part of Operation MEDUSA. Jared also received the Purple Heart Medal for wounds received during the Battle of Sperwan Ghar. Before leaving 1st Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne), he also served as the Battalion Operation Officer. In July 2008, he continued serving as an Operation Officer in the USSOCOM, J33-Central Command Global Support Group.

In August 2010, Captain Hill was selected by the Commander of USSOCOM to be the USSOCOM Special Operations Liaison Officer (SOLO) to Australia. As part of Jared's SOLO assignment he was assigned to the Australia Special Operations Command located in Bungendore, Australia and served as a key member of the country team member for the US Embassy, Canberra, Australia. Jared's final assignment was as the

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Training Readiness Division Chief in the Training Division for the United States Special Operations Command. Jared retired from the US Army as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Ed Hill, SWAT – Ed Hill served in the Navy for 21 years from 1986 to 2007. He served as a government contractor for 12 years until 2018. Ed has been with the Pasco County Sheriff's Office for five years serving as a deputy and senior training analyst.

Dave Solano, SWAT – Dave Solano is a Florida born native from Cedar Key, FL. Upon early graduation from Riverview High School in 2005, he entered Marine Corps Boot Camp at Parris Island South Carolina, where he turned 18. Dave spent 8 years in the Marine Corps Reconnaissance community deploying in support of the GWOT before his end of active service in 2014. Dave spent an additional 5 years working for USG in overseas theaters before returning home and going to work within Law Enforcement. He currently holds the position of Senior Training Analyst with the Special Operations Division, with emphasis on SWAT Sniper/Observer Team equipment, training and operations.

Chris Lofgren, SWAT – Chris is a retired US Army Special Forces Sergeant Major. he served in the US Army for over 27 years in various positions for the 75th Ranger Regt, Long Range Surveillance and Special Forces. He has held positions of responsibility as a Team Leader, Squad Leader, LRS Team Leader, Junior and Senior Detachment Medic, Company Senior Medic, Detachment Intelligence Sergeant, Detachment Operations Sergeant, Company Operations Sergeant, HSC First Sergeant and Battalion Operations Sergeant. Finally serving as the Senior Enlisted Leader for the Joint Special Operations Task Force - Trans Sahara (JSOTF-TS), SOCAF and US AFRICOM.

After retiring in 2013, Chris served as a US Government Contractor in Afghanistan, and then later in the United States working for the US Army Special Warfare Center and School as a Human Intelligence Rater, Evaluator and Role Player. Chris has served for over 5 years with the Pasco Sheriff's Office, working as a Senior Training Analyst and Paramedic with the Special Operations Division.

Keith Pace, SWAT – Keith Pace is retired Special Forces MSG. He joined the Florida Army National Guard in AUG of 1985 and volunteered for active duty In OCT of 1996. He attended Special Forces Assessment and Selection, followed by a 2 year Qualification course, graduating as a Special Forces Medical Sergeant. After graduation Keith was assigned to 1ST Bn, 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne), Okinawa, Japan. His assignments included: ODA-121 a mountain team, ODA-125 and ODA-115 both scuba teams. Keith progressed through the ranks from medical sergeant to Team Sergeant and served 6 combat tours. He served at the Advanced Urban Combat Committee/ instructor and Maritime Operations Facility at 1st Group main, Washington State for a total of 6 years. Keith retired in 2017.

Keith qualifications include: NSW (Naval Special Warfare) Navy 3M (Maintenance and Material Management) course and the Open and Closed Circuit Scuba Technician Course, Current National Registry Paramedic since March 1997, OPE Operational Preparation of the Battlefield course, 18D Special Forces Medical Course, USA Basic Airborne School, Jump Master, Level 3 SERE course, Peacetime Government Detention Course, DLI East Indonesian Language course 2,2+, CDQC (Combat Diver Qualification course), DMT (Dive Medical Technician) and DSC (Dive Supervisor course), Gryphon Group Operator Course, Gryphon Group Off Road Driving course, Homeland Security Boat Operators course, Master Breached course and many other courses during his military career.

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He graduated St. Petersburg College in 1987. He is also member of the Pasco County Sheriff's Office Dive Team with numerous qualifications including Dive Rescue Technician 1, and 2, Swift Water Rescue Technician, 1, and 2, Current Diver, Public Safety Diver, Dive Medical Technician, National Registry Emergency Medical Paramedic, Florida State Licensed Paramedic, and Tactical Medical Technician. FDLE Firearms Instructor, FDLE First Aid Instructor, American Heart Association BLS Instructor.

Keith has been a Senior Training Analyst with the Pasco Sheriff's Office since his retirement from the US Army and is assigned to the Training unit. I became a Certified Law Enforcement Officer after graduating the academy in DEC 2019.

