



# TACTICAL FLIGHT OFFICER COURSE

**TAMPA, FL**

**Wednesday, December 8, 2021 – Friday, December 10, 2021**

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**COURSE OBJECTIVES:** The Tactical Flight Officer Course is designed to provide aircrew members the tactical skills and information necessary to safely and successfully support ground units engaged in a variety of law enforcement missions. Although specifically designed for tactical flight officers, this course is applicable to pilots and crewmembers alike and is also a valuable course for unit supervisors.. This class is essential to the professional development of aviation law enforcement personnel and meets one of the requirements for TFO training related to accreditation. **Maximum Capacity: 60 Students**

**INTENDED AUDIENCE:** This course is specifically intended for law enforcement personnel assigned to aviation support units as Tactical Flight Officers. Flight Observers, Pilots and Unit Supervisors.

<b>December 8, 2021</b>		
0800 – 0830	Introductions and Course Overview	Ryan Welch
0830 – 1030	What makes a successful TFO?	Ryan Welch
1030 – 1200	Fundamentals of Thermal Imaging	Ryan Welch
1200 – 1300	Lunch   On Own	
1300 – 1700	Searching For Persons (Suspects and Victims)	Ryan Welch

<b>December 9, 2021</b>		
0800 – 0930	Tactical Considerations and Strategies	Ryan Welch
0930 – 1100	Gimbal Utilization	Ryan Welch
1100 – 1200	Foot Pursuits and Vehicle Pursuits	Ryan Welch
1200 – 1300	Lunch   On Own	
1300 – 1700	Incident Critiques/Roundtable	Ryan Welch

<b>December 10, 2021</b>		
0800 – 1000	Fixed-Wing Patrol Tactics	John Pierce
1000 – 1200	Aviation Safety for Aircrews	Bryan Smith
1200 – 1300	Lunch   On Own	
1300 – 1400	Support to K-9 Units	Bryan Smith
1400 – 1600	CRM – Beyond the Cockpit	Bryan Smith
1600 – 1700	Course Review and Critique	Don Roby

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