

**San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Office**  
**Breaching for Patrol**  
***Expanded Course Outline***  
***2-Hour Course***

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:**

This course is designed to familiarize deputies with the use of Halligan tools and rams, legal standards of use (Lexipol 322, 414, 424), and proper breaching methods.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

The student will learn the descriptions of the breaching tools and methods, as well as the legal standards of forcing entry. They will be taught how to properly use the tools, including position, stance, and tactical concerns. Students will be given a case debrief of a patrol-based hostage situation where forced entry was applied. Students will receive hands on training with vehicle window breaching with batons, use of a ram on inward opening doors, and use of a Halligan with and without a ram on outward opening doors.

- I. Overview
  - A. Instructor introductions, course overview.
  - B. Review of course standards.
  - C. Legal standard / Necessity of making entry (Lexipol 322, 414, 424 Et seq.)
    - 1. Exigency / Crisis Response
    - 2. Warrant / 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment Waiver
    - 3. Documentation
  - D. Introduction to breaching methods.
    - 1. Nomenclature of manual breaching tools Halligan / Ram.
    - 2. Descriptions of breaching methods
  
- II. Breaching Methods
  - A. Short review of manual breaching methods.
    - 1. Safety Concerns
    - 2. Tactical Considerations
    - 3. Breaching methods and placements related to Halligan / Ram / Bolt Cutters
  - B. Exercises

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1. Use of Ram
  - a. Areas of Impact
  - b. Manner of use
2. Use of Halligan
  - a. Security Screen Doors
  - b. Use of Halligan with Ram
3. Discussion of Bolt Cutters Use / Other breaching tools available to SED
4. Students will rotate through the Breaching Door in order to gain experience in the use of manual breaching tools. Any deputy not demonstrating proficiency in the use of the manual breaching tools will be given remedial training until proficiency is demonstrated.