



Course Announcement

To: All Law Enforcement Agencies

From: John C. Moses
Director of Criminal Justice

Date: January 15, 2025

Re: **Ballistic Shield Operator's Course**
CJP223-5151
MPTC Approval #: Pending (16 hours)

April 10 to 11, 2025

Location: Salisbury Police Department Range
2448 Goddard Parkway
Salisbury, MD 21801

Dates & Times: Thursday, April 10 0800 – 1700
Friday, April 11 0800 – 1700

Reservations: Special instructions on the last page of announcement.

Fee: \$500 payable to East Coast CQB*
**Payment is due prior to or at the beginning of training, via check (checks payable to East Coast CQB), credit card (3% transaction fee), or purchase order.*

The course is designed for law enforcement professionals at all experience levels. Chief Instructor Werking is an advocate of the Ballistic Shield. He operated with/without it for nearly three decades while serving with the U.S. Marshals Service, witnessed firsthand its advantages and disadvantages, and can say with total confidence that it saved lives. That said, the Ballistic Shield is not universally used across all law enforcement agencies. Tactical teams utilize speed, surprise, diversion, and violence of action during rapid entries to accomplish their objectives, and some would claim that it slows them down. Officers and specialized units, such as warrant squads or narcotics teams, operate on a different playing field that is void of the same tools and techniques used by tactical teams. The result is that officers and specialized units are forced to gear down and deploy more slow and deliberate methods of entry/searching, which affords suspect's time to run, hide, or prepare an ambush. When attacked at close quarters by an individual committed to doing them harm, the ballistic shield is a mobile piece of cover that protects the upper torso, neck, and head; intimidates, and temporarily disorients suspects with its high intensity lighting, and in the hands of a trained officer is a game changer.

Subjects taught include: Ballistic Shield Orientation/Operation/Nomenclature/Equipment, Fundamentals of Marksmanship, Weapons Safety, Weapons Handling/Manipulation, Weapons/Shield Carriage, Pistol/Shield Presentation, Reloads, Shooting While Moving, Multiple Targets, Close Quarters Shooting, Weapons Retention, Target Discrimination, Strong Hand Weapons Manipulation, Strong Hand Shooting/Emergency Reloads, Rapid Deployment, Point Cover, Basic Entry/Room Clearing Tactics, Stress Inoculation, Reduced Visibility, Mental Conditioning, Civil Liability, and Officer Survival.

Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Demonstrate handgun safety and safe handling skills.
2. Demonstrate the fundamentals of marksmanship.
3. Demonstrate Ballistic Shield nomenclature, capabilities, pros/cons, considerations, equipment, requirements, and planning.
4. Demonstrate carry positions in tactical applications with a ballistic shield.
5. Demonstrate pistol presentation from the holster with a ballistic shield.
6. Demonstrate shooting from the retention position with the ballistic shield.
7. Demonstrate the ability to conduct emergency reload with a ballistic shield.
8. Demonstrate shooting with the ballistic shield.
9. Demonstrate the ability to pivot in any direction and engage the threat with a ballistic shield.
10. Demonstrate the ability to shoot while moving forward, backward, and laterally with a ballistic shield.
11. Demonstrate the ability to clear a malfunction or stoppage with a ballistic shield.

EQUIPMENT

- Full size level 3A Ballistic Shield (approximately 21" wide x 34" high, w/ballistic glass viewport)
- Full size Semi-Automatic handgun (no sub-compact or compact handguns) with three magazines
- **450 rounds** of duty ammunition
- Body armor
- Duty belt with kydex style holster (no holsters that collapse in on themselves)
- Two magazine pouches
- Helmet (if available)
- Hearing and eye protection
- Comfortable clothes, and shoes (no shorts), and rain gear.
- ***If you do not have a shield, East Coast CQB can provide one at no additional cost upon request.***

This course is designed to meet requirements as mandated by the Maryland Police Training Commission and to meet the annual in-service requirements.

How to reserve a seat:

If you are interested in attending the course please email your intentions, along with your contact information (email and mobile number), agency, and rank to Jim Werking at jswerking@gmail.com. Further instructions and a final roster will be posted and emailed later.