

# NASTA

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The staff at North American SWAT Training Association welcomes this opportunity to introduce you to, what we believe to be, the most professional, comprehensive, and individualized SWAT training program in the United States. The training staff at NASTA is comprised of three full-time police officers currently serving the major metropolitan area of Columbus, Ohio. Columbus is the state capital of Ohio and has benefited from the presence of a full-time SWAT Section for the past 36 years.

The NASTA staff has a total of 96 years experience in the field of law enforcement and 48 years experience with the Columbus SWAT Section. Years of training, instructing, and practical experience give the staff at NASTA the knowledge and expertise necessary to customize a training program best suited to the needs of your agency.

As in all training, tactical training can only be successful if the instructors possess the knowledge, practical experience, and ability to deliver that information in their specific area of expertise. We are confident that the members of our training staff have the ability to satisfy your needs as evidenced by the following chart of experience, listing the approximate number of situations that each tactical instructor has been directly involved.

Instructor	Total Years	SWAT Years	Hostage/Barricades	Dynamic Entries
David R. Wood	32	27	over 575	over 1700
Stephen J. Schwab	32	4	over 80	over 1100
James J. Scanlon	32	17	over 381	over 1440
Combined Experience	96	48	over 1036	over 4240

Those of us in the law enforcement community are well aware of the significance regarding police training programs as it pertains to our court system. As our actions are scrutinized, and second-guessed in criminal and civil courts, the professionalism of your training programs can be your salvation. The professional training provided to your department by the NASTA staff, which is based on our combined 96 years experience, will help you to reduce your civil liability.

Our training goal is to enable others to transform very dangerous and violent situations into those in which everyone can walk away from safely. We look forward to the opportunity to speak with you and assess your training needs.

### **David R. Wood**

Lieutenant Wood is a 32-year veteran of law enforcement with the Columbus, Ohio, Division of Police and is currently the commander of the S.W.A.T. Section that is staffed by twenty-one officers and four sergeants. Lieutenant Wood also commands the ten member Hostage Negotiators Team and the Canine Unit staffed by one sergeant and eight officers. Lieutenant Wood has the unique distinction of serving as both an officer and sergeant in S.W.A.T. prior to assuming his current command.

### **Stephen J. Schwab**

Lieutenant Schwab is a 32-year veteran of law enforcement with the Columbus, Ohio, Division of Police. He has served in the various assignments of Patrol, Communications, S.W.A.T., and the Strategic Response Bureau where he was head of an Investigative Section charged with the task of conducting investigations and gathering criminal intelligence on street gangs and career criminal offenders. He is now in charge of recruit training and firearms at the Columbus, Ohio Police Academy. Lieutenant Schwab served as both an officer and sergeant in S.W.A.T. prior to assuming his current assignment.

### **James J. Scanlon**

Officer Scanlon is a 32-year veteran of law enforcement with the Columbus, Ohio, Division of Police. He has served in the various assignments of Patrol, Canine, and S.W.A.T. Officer Scanlon served in the S.W.A.T. Section for several years before founding the Canine Unit where he served as a handler and the training officer. After six years in the Canine Unit, Officer Scanlon returned to the S.W.A.T. Section where he is currently a team member and assigned as one of the section's six snipers.