



2026 LEVEL I SNIPER COURSE REGISTRATION PACKET



25TH YEAR OF TRAINING PROFESSIONALS

**16 – 20 March 2026
Utah**

Hosted By
Unified Police Dept. of Greater Salt Lake
West Jordan Police Department

**13 – 17 April 2026
Tennessee**

Hosted By
Johnson City Police Department

**12 – 16 October 2026
Tennessee**

Hosted By
Hamilton Co. Sheriff's Office
Chattanooga Police Department



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GSA Training Provider CAGE 7HU82



Registration Deadline for Level I Sniper is 45 days prior to course start date.

The Sniper Pro Shop / High Ground Training Group Level I Basic Sniper Course will be provided in Tennessee and Utah in 2026. A limited number of positions will be available for the course and will be provided to Law Enforcement Agencies or military units on a first come, first served basis. Advance course registration is required with cutoff for registration 45 days prior to the course. All information is required for application to be considered. Course positions will not be held without registration and payment arrangements.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

LEVEL I SNIPER



The SPS/HGTG Level I Sniper Course is an intensive basic level course of instruction for the newly assigned sniper which focuses on the foundational skills of Marksmanship, Fieldcraft, and Tactics. This course is designed to provide foundational training that will allow a sniper to grow within the skill set and move toward more advanced training goals. The course also serves experienced snipers who wish to tune-up their existing skills. This course includes Fundamentals of Precision Shooting, Stalking & Night Fire. 5 Days 48+ hours

Completed registration must be received by 45 days prior to the course. Payment must be made to Sniper Pro Shop no later than 30 days prior to the course. Application page and appropriate affidavit page should be completed and sent to Sniper Pro Shop:

Email to: sniperproshop@bellsouth.net

Or mail to:
Sniper Pro Shop
1048 Ridgecrest Drive
Kingston Springs, TN 37082

Course Locations & Dates

Salt Lake City/Fairfield, Utah	16 – 20 March 2026	Course Tuition Cost: \$895.00
Johnson City Police Department, TN	13 – 17 April 2026	Course Tuition Cost: \$795.00
Chattanooga, TN	12 – 16 October 2026	Course Tuition Cost: \$795.00

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Course attendees will receive Sniper Starter Kit and instructional materials valued over \$170.00. Sniper Starter Kit includes SPS Sniper Support Bag, SPS Sniper Data Logbook, SPS Sniper Template, Camo Veil, & Lens Pen.

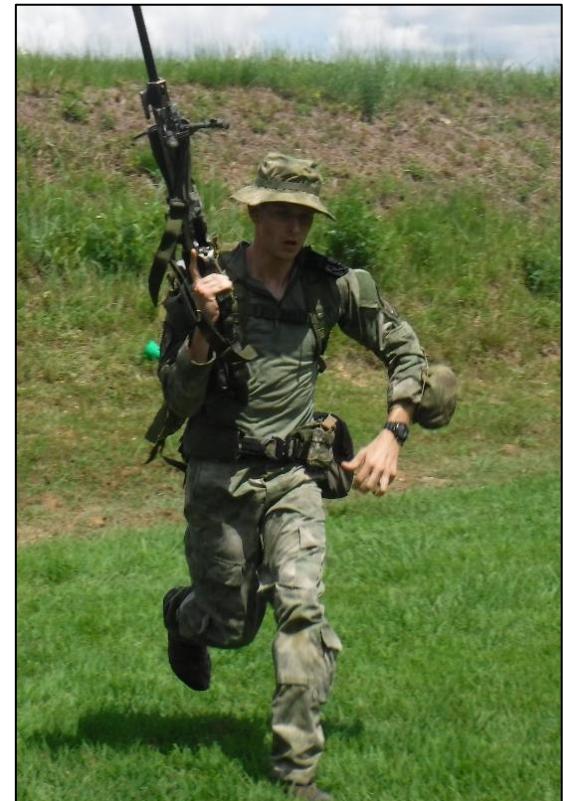
Attendees will also receive comprehensive print and digital training materials and graduation packet.



Sniper Course Physical Fitness Standards for Level I and II Sniper Courses

Participants should have a suitable level of physical fitness to perform the necessary functions of a police sniper. Participants enrolling in any of the sniper courses should be able to:

- ⊕ **Run 440 yards in 2.5 minutes or less while wearing field uniform and boots;**
- ⊕ **Climb stairs and ladders while carrying standard sniper weapons and kit;**
- ⊕ **Move rapidly from one shooting location to another and quickly assume necessary shooting positions;**
- ⊕ **Be able to maintain shooting positions for extended time periods;**
- ⊕ **Be able to negotiate multiple types of terrain crawling, walking and running while carrying sniper weapon system and kit;**
- ⊕ **Failure to be able to complete any of the above may result in the failure to complete the course.**



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COURSE ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL

- ⊕ *Participant must be a full-time, certified law enforcement or corrections officer.*
- ⊕ *Participant assigned or pending assignment as a SWAT Sniper, Marksman, Scout, etc. by his agency will be given preference for placement in the course.*
- ⊕ *Participant must provide a signed affidavit of assignment and approval to attend and pending relative assignment. Blank affidavit is included in this packet.*

MILITARY PERSONNEL

- ⊕ *Participant must be current active-duty service member either full-time, Reserve or National Guard.*
- ⊕ *Participant must provide signed affidavit of assignment and approval to attend and pending relative assignment. Blank affidavit is included in this packet.*

Course positions will not be held without completed registrations.

Student contact information is required. Course instructors must be able to communicate directly with students prior to the course.

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations after 2 weeks prior to the course will result in forfeiture of paid tuition.

WEAPON SYSTEMS

Agency should provide a serviceable Sniper Weapon System equipped with contemporary tactical optic - mounted with quality tactical mounting system, bipod, and sling. Weapon system should setup appropriately and ready for live-fire. SPS/HGTG staff will inspect the weapon prior to training and will provide a written inspection of the weapon to the trainee. Minor adjustments may be made by SPS/HGTG staff. Triggers pull weights requiring adjustment, will require written permission from agency SWAT command level personnel during the class. SPS will have at least one "school gun" on site for the class, but does not guarantee that replacement weapons will be available to students who bring unserviceable equipment to the course. Weapons requiring extensive maintenance or service will be deadlined to ensure the quality of training for the overall class.

TRIGGER WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS

All trainee weapons will be inspected by HGTG Armorers prior to live fire and any weapon having a trigger weight under 3.0 pounds will be deemed unsafe and sidelined with no exceptions. The trainee will be unable to continue the course of instruction with any rifle that the Training Staff deems to be unsafe. It is incumbent upon the trainee and his/her agency to ensure that the weapon system is safe for training and deployment. Any trainee weapon system that is deemed to be unsafe will result in the trainee being released from the course. No refund will be given to the agency for a release of a student due to a safety issue. Military weapons will be required to meet unit specifications.

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MUZZLE DEVICES

RIFLES EQUIPPED WITH MUZZLE BRAKES/COMPENSATORS WILL BE RESTRICTED FROM ALL SPS/HGTG COURSES. RIFLES EQUIPPED WITH COMPENSATORS MUST HAVE EITHER A SUPPRESSOR OR BLAST SHIELD DIVERTER THAT REDIRECTS VENTED GASSES DOWN RANGE. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTION TO THIS POLICY.

AMMUNITION

Ammunition for this course should be first quality duty match-grade ammunition as issued by the agency. Lower quality off-the-shelf ammunition will not provide the performance necessary for successful completion of this demanding course of instruction. No reloaded ammunition will be allowed.

LEVEL I SNIPER EQUIPMENT LIST AND INFORMATION

EQUIPMENT LIST

Each trainee will need the following:

- ⊕ Match Grade Sniper Rifle equipped with Optical Sight, Bipod and Sling in .308 Winchester, 6.5 Creedmoor, or .223 Remington (5.56) (any other caliber must be approved prior to reporting for training)
- ⊕ Quality Optical Sight (Recommend variable sight with tactical reticle – MRAD or MOA)
- ⊕ 500 rounds of Match Grade/Duty ammunition
- ⊕ Spotting Scope with Tripod and Binoculars
- ⊕ Rifle Tripod
- ⊕ Logbook (Logbook and template will be provided to students as part of the Level I Sniper Course)
- ⊕ Uniform (recommend camouflage BDUs)
- ⊕ Headgear (recommend “boonie” style hat)
- ⊕ Hydration system
- ⊕ Load bearing vest as issued by department with duty belt and sidearm
- ⊕ Appropriate Hot/Cold and Wet Weather gear for the season and region of training event
- ⊕ Eye and Ear Protection
- ⊕ Calculator / Smart Phone
- ⊕ Pen and Pencil
- ⊕ Pocket Notebook
- ⊕ Weapon Cleaning Gear
- ⊕ Insect repellant and sunscreen as appropriate for the season and region of the training event
- ⊕ Knife – Fixed blade or folding tactical
- ⊕ Multi-plier tool
- ⊕ Pruning shear or other tool suitable to cut or remove small vegetation
- ⊕ Appropriate Camo Gear - Ghillie Suit, Sniper veil or other camouflage gear for rural stalking
- ⊕ Ground cloth or shooting mat

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Check Course Applied for:

<input type="checkbox"/> Salt Lake Region, Utah	16 – 20 March 2026	Course Tuition Cost: \$895.00
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STUDENT NAME:		
AGENCY NAME:		
AGENCY STREET ADDRESS		
CITY, STATE, ZIP		
AGENCY CONTACT		
AGENCY TELEPHONE		
AGENCY CONTACT EMAIL:		
STUDENT DIRECT TELEPHONE*		
STUDENT DIRECT EMAIL*		
STUDENT T-SHIRT SIZE		
Rifle	<i>Caliber</i>	<i>Optic</i>
PAYMENT METHOD (EX. Credit Card, P.O., etc.)	<i>Please list P.O. # for departmental billing:</i>	
AGENCY BILLING ADDRESS		
CREDIT CARD PAYMENT PORTAL ADDRESS:	Utah, 16-20 March 2026 https://sniperproshop.net/product/level-i-sniper-salt-lake-region-utah-16-20-march-2026/ Johnson City, TN, 13 – 17 April 2026 https://sniperproshop.net/product/level-i-sniper-tennessee-13-17-april-2026-johnsoncitytn-tn/ Chattanooga, TN 12-16 October 2026 https://sniperproshop.net/product/level-i-sniper-tennessee-12-16-oct-2026-chattanooga-tn/	

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LAW ENFORCEMENT APPLICANTS

Please answer the following questions:

Are you a Full Time Law Enforcement Officer? _____

Are you assigned to a Tactical Team? _____

Upon completion of the course will you be assigned as a sniper? _____

Are you attending the course on your own time? _____

Who will be responsible for tuition payment? _____

Applicant

Agency

Applicant Affidavit

(student name) is a full-time law enforcement officer with the
(agency name). He/she is applying for a position in the
course with the knowledge and approval of the agency.

Signature of supervisor or command staff

Printed Name

Rank and Position

Contact Telephone #

Contact Email

Applicant Signature

Date

For Level II Applicants Only:

Basic Sniper Course attended _____ dates _____
(Copies of certificates must be attached to the registration)

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MILITARY APPLICANTS

Please answer the following questions:

Branch of Service _____

Current Unit Assignment _____

Current Duty Station _____

Are you currently assigned as a sniper? _____

Are you currently assigned as a designated marksman? _____

Are you attending the course on your own time? _____

Who will be responsible for tuition payment? _____

Applicant

Agency

Applicant Affidavit

(applicant name) is an active duty military personnel with the
(Branch and Unit). He is applying for a position in the
course with the knowledge and approval of the command of this unit.

Signature

Printed Name

Rank and Position

Contact Telephone #

Contact Email

Applicant Signature

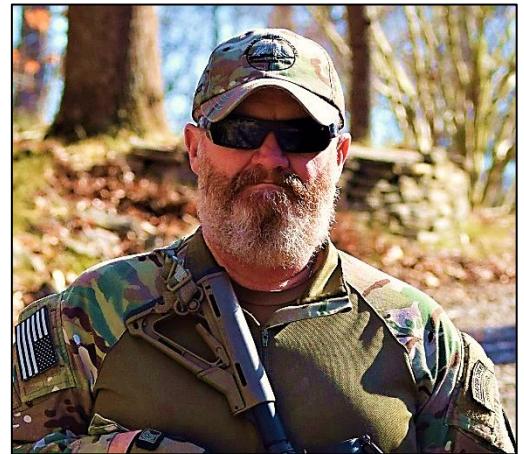
Date

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Course Cadre

Sniper Pro Shop/High Ground Training Group

Senior Instructor: Denny Elliott's career in law enforcement spanned over 29 years. He served in agencies in Kentucky and Tennessee and as a Federal Law Enforcement Officer. His work in LE Special Operations began early in his career and he has served as a task force counter-drug field operator, SWAT operator, Sniper, Sniper Section Leader, Team Leader and Commander. He served as chief LEO in two agencies and has been involved in training since the early 1990's. Denny spent the last five years of his LE career assigned as the training commander for a Tennessee Sheriff's Office with over 300 sworn personnel where he oversaw a full-time training staff managing all agency training. He retired as a Lieutenant. He is a member of the NTOA, IALEFI, ILEETA, TLETOA and American Sniper Association. He is a certified instructor in Firearms, Tactical Rifle, Force on Force, Defensive Tactics, Baton, Edged Weapons, LE Ethics and Below 100. He developed the Level I, II, III and IV Police Sniper Courses, Sniper Night Vision Operator Course, Law Enforcement Firearms Instructor Course, Law Enforcement Designated Marksman Course and various other tactical training courses of instruction which are owned by Sniper Pro Shop and presented by the High Ground Training Group. He is the CEO of SPS and Master Instructor with HGTG. Sniper Pro Shop is a GSA schedule training provider for homeland security and firearms training.



The High Ground Training Group is an invitation only association of snipers and professional law enforcement trainers who are alumni of the SPS training program. They represent Local and Federal agencies and bring scores of years of experience in military and law enforcement operations to the training program. This innovative and dynamic group of trainers provide the nucleus of this training program.

For additional course information contact:

Denny Elliott
Sniper Pro Shop HQ (615) 952-9560
or email at sniperproshop@bellsouth.net
www.sniperproshop.net
www.highgroundtraining.com

CELEBRATING OUR 25th YEAR OF TRAINING PROFESSIONAL SNIPERS...

The SPS Sniper Course Curriculum has been taught in Tennessee and beyond since 2002. SPS curriculum courses have been attended by law enforcement officers from throughout the U.S. and Canada as well as members of the U.S. Military.

Alumni of our courses include:

- Johnson City Police Department SWAT (TN)
- Hamilton County Sheriff's Office SWAT (TN)
- Chattanooga Police Department SWAT (TN)
- Tennessee Highway Patrol Special Operations
- Unified Police Department of Greater Salt Lake SWAT (UT)
- Sullivan County Sheriff's Office SWAT (TN)
- Salt Lake City Police SWAT (UT)
- Utah Department of Corrections CIRT
- Utah Highway Patrol JSOG
- West Jordan Police Department JSOG
- Larimer Co. Regional SWAT, (CO)
- Juneau, AK PD SWAT
- And the list goes on.....

Listing of alumni agencies in no way indicates endorsement of SPS/HGTG training by the agencies. You may contact SPS for reference agencies.

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Why choose SPS/HGTG for Sniper Training?

2026 is our 25th year of providing training to professional SWAT Snipers. Sniper Pro Shop brings 25 years' experience in developing & presenting sniper training programs for law enforcement special operations. SPS/HGTG courses are constantly monitored and updated to ensure that we are providing contemporary training and best practices for Law Enforcement Special Operations. SPS is a GSA schedule vendor for firearms and homeland security training and has provided training for federal law enforcement and the U.S. Military.

High Ground Training Group staff are experienced professionals with thousands of hours of law enforcement and military training and operational experience and bring a combined history of over a century of LE Special Operations experience to their training courses. The members of HGTG are uniquely qualified to provide a contemporary approach to training and developing the SWAT Sniper. Their experience comes from law enforcement tactical operations from agencies serving Urban, Rural, City, County, State Task Force, and Federal Law Enforcement service, as well as Military and Corrections.

SPS/HGTG stands ready to provide service to students and client agencies after the training course for Training Planning, Policy, Post-Shooting Support and Litigation Support.

Sniper Pro Shop provides over \$170.00 of equipment and materials to each student that is theirs to utilize during training and beyond the course.

SPS/HGTG supports the legal, ethical and constitutional mission of law enforcement.
Our Oath is to the Constitution,
Our Pledge is to the Flag,
Our Mission is to the Communities we serve.

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