



**LAW ENFORCEMENT
DESIGNATED
MARKSMAN
OPERATOR
&
TRAIN-THE-TRAINER
REGISTRATION PACKET**



**LEDM
3 – 6 November 2026
LEDM T3
9 – 11 November 2026
Hosted by
Johnson City Police Dept.**

LE DESIGNATED MARKSMAN COURSE PACKET



GSA Training Provider



Course registration deadline 15 September 2026

High Ground Training Group and the Johnson City Police Dept. Designated Marksman Unit will provide a Law Enforcement Designated Marksman Course at the JCPD Range Facility in Johnson City, TN, 3 – 6 November. This will be followed by the LEDM Train-the-Trainer Course on 8 – 9 – 11 November at the same location. A limited number of positions will be available for the course and will be provided to Law Enforcement Agencies 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

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The SPS/HGTG LEDM course provides a thorough overview of the skills needed to develop the LEDM Candidate and provides a solid foundation for these skills through the basic elements of the tactical marksman: Marksmanship and Tactics. The LEDM is a skillfully trained and well-equipped officer capable of rapid response and engagement of dangerous suspects in dangerous and rapidly developing tactical environment. This is not a sniper course, but a course designed for the rapid responder working in the patrol environment. The LEDM is not a replacement for the SWAT Sniper, but rather serves as a tactical skill bridge to the skills of SWAT while capitalizing on the rapid and

nimble response capability of the patrol officer. For the small or mid-size agency with no SWAT capability, this program can enhance the agency's ability to respond to threats and interdict dangerous suspects actions, in turn, saving lives.

4 days, 32 hours

LAW ENFORCEMENT DESIGNATED MARKSMAN TRAIN-THE-TRAINER

The SPS/HGTG LEDM T3 course provides the logistical and instructional background material for the qualified & certified LEDM to instruct the SPS/HGTG LEDM course curricula at the agency level. This 3-day course will require the candidate to successfully complete the LEDM qualification course, pass a written examination and model LEDM training blocks for classroom and/or range exercises. The candidate will be required to author and present an original course of fire for the Special Purpose Rifle Platform appropriate for LEDM training as a final presentation. Candidates successfully completing the course of instruction will be provided individual curriculum license to present the SPS/HGTG LEDM course at their agency (non-commercial).

LEDM Course Tuition Cost:	\$600.00
LEDM T3 Course Tuition Cost:	\$450.00

Completed registration and 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:
Or mail to:

sniperproshop@bellsouth.net
Sniper Pro Shop
1048 Ridgecrest Drive
Kingston Springs, TN 37082

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BACKGROUND:

The concept of the Law Enforcement Designated Marksman (LED M) was born out of the need for a tactical rapid response asset to deal with the growing number of contemporary threats. With the increased threat of attacks on officers as well as growing terrorism and active shooter threats, the need for a bridge between the standard equipped patrol officer and the SWAT Team has been recognized. This need led us to the development of the LED M program.

CONCEPT:

The LED M is not a Sniper. His/her equipment and training do not reach the level of the special operations trained sniper. Instead, the LED M, combines the rapid response capability of the patrol officer with advanced training and improved weapon systems to provide an immediate response to threats of active shooters, terrorism or law enforcement ambush. The LED M can provide observation capability and, if necessary, accurate tactical fire support in rapidly evolving tactical situations by deploying with an advanced weapon system capable of highly accurate fire. The LED M, equipped with an enhanced AR based weapon system equipped with a variable power optic that will surpass the accuracy and range of the standard patrol rifle will be capable of rapidly and accurately engaging threats in the field. The implementation of the LED M program is designed to enhance the overall safety of the officers as well as the public that we serve.

PROOF OF CONCEPT - ACTUAL REPORT – “2018 - Subject impersonated officer, broke through doorway of victim's home causing injury to at least one victim. Fled on foot into woods. I was used in marksman capacity for on scene cover for officers on foot. While in an elevated, concealed position with cover of a large tree, I was able to track movement of the offender through the woods and direct officers on the ground to his location, where I provided lethal cover from a distance until he was taken into custody.”

THE TRAINING PROGRAM:

The SPS/HGTG Law Enforcement Designated Marksman training course is a 4-day, 32-hour training course that involves class room and live-fire training for to up to 14 LE personnel. The course includes:*

- *Weapons and Optics Systems*
- *Setting up & Maintaining the Designated Marksman Rifle*
- *Ballistics*
- *Positional Shooting*
- *Barricade and Hasty Shooting*
- *Rapid Engagement*
- *Operational Concepts*
- *Barrier Shooting*
- *Firing from and Around Vehicles*
- *Counter Ambush Tactics*
- *Close Quarter Engagements*
- *Low-Light Shooting*

PREREQUISITES:

Restricted to Full-time POST certified officers attending with the approval of their agency command.

Candidate should be physically fit and capable of 100 - 200-yard runs while carrying rifle and wearing uniform with body armor and gun belt.

Patrol rifle qualified with above average marksmanship skills.

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.

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The LEDM Train-the-Trainer course is a 3-day, 24-hour training course that provides instructional skills training and practice to the candidate who has successfully passed the SPS/HGTG LEDM course. It will provide guidelines for instruction for the LEDM course along with:

- *Marksmanship principles and coaching*
- *Weapon and optic diagnosis and troubleshooting*
- *Print and Digital materials to support the instruction of the LEDM program*
- *Curriculum license from SPS that will enable the LEDM T3 candidate to provide the LEDM user course curricula to officers at his agency – this is a non-commercial certification and does not allow the candidate to provide “for hire” courses to outside agencies.*

PREREQUISITES:

- *Previously completed a Law Enforcement Firearms Instructor Course*
- *Previously successfully completed the SPS/HGTG LEDM course.*
- *Restricted to Full-time POST certified officers attending with the approval of their agency command.*
- *Candidate should be physically fit and capable of 100 - 200-yard runs while carrying rifle and wearing uniform with body armor and gun belt.*
- *Patrol rifle qualified with better than average marksmanship skills.*



WEAPON SYSTEMS:

LEDM candidate will need an enhanced weapon system (Special Purpose Rifle) capable of less than 3 Minute-of-Angle (MOA) accuracy from a rested position at 100 yards with 2 MOA accuracy preferred. Our recommendation for this weapon system follows:

- *AR-15 platform weapon (M-4 configuration);*
- *A-3 or A-4 Flattop upper with floated handguard – 1913, Keymod or M-Lok style;*
- *14.5 – 16” barrel length recommended (12.5” barrel with 1/7 twist considered to be minimum barrel length for acceptable accuracy, 18” barrel maximum length for rapid deployment);*
- *1/7” to 1/8” twist rate to stabilize heavier bullets;*
- *Standard Mil-Spec lower receiver;*
- *5.5-pound maximum trigger pull – recommend National Match trigger or an aftermarket trigger designed for tactical work. Trigger should be no lighter than 3.5 pounds;*
- *Variable Magnified Optical Sight – recommend 1 – 4x, 1 – 6x, or 1 – 8x with rapid target acquisition reticle;*
- *Backup Iron Sights or backup optical sight – Off-set 45° sights or mini-reflex sight mounted in off-set or top mount;*
- *Folding Bipod;*
- *Weapon mounted illuminator.*

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EQUIPMENT LIST for LEDM:

- LEDM SPR Rifle System
- 3 rifle magazines – recommend 20 round mags for use with weapon on bipod
- 2-point rifle sling – recommend quick adjust such as V-Tac, Blueforce Gear, etc.
- Minimum 500 rounds of training ammunition for rifle
- 100 rounds of duty ammunition for rifle (for qualification)
- Duty Belt
- Handgun
- 3 handgun magazines
- 150 rounds handgun training ammunition
- Duty Body Armor
- Plate Carrier and Helmet (if issued or used) – Not mandatory
- Eye and Ear Protection
- Cover (ball cap)
- Weapon cleaning gear
- Hydration
- Creature comforts – sunscreen, insect repellent, etc.
- Note-taking material

EQUIPMENT LIST for LEDM Train-the-Trainer:

- LEDM SPR Rifle System
- 3 rifle magazines – recommend 20 round mags for use with weapon on bipod
- 2-point rifle sling – recommend quick adjust such as V-Tac, Blueforce Gear, etc.
- Minimum 300 rounds of training ammunition for rifle
- 100 rounds of duty ammunition for rifle (for qualification)
- Duty Belt
- Handgun
- 3 handgun magazines
- 150 rounds handgun training ammunition
- Duty Body Armor
- Plate Carrier and Helmet (if issued or used) – Not mandatory
- Eye and Ear Protection
- Cover (ball cap)
- Weapon cleaning gear
- Hydration
- Creature comforts – sunscreen, insect repellent, etc.
- Note-taking material
- Laptop with Microsoft Office and USB Port

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LE DESIGNATED MARKSMAN Class # LEDM-2026 - 1 3 – 6 November 2026 Tuition \$600.00

LEDM Train-the-Trainer Class # T3 - 1 9 – 11 November 2026 Tuition \$450.00

Johnson City, Tennessee

STUDENT NAME:			
AGENCY NAME:			
AGENCY STREET ADDRESS			
CITY, STATE, ZIP			
AGENCY CONTACT			
AGENCY TELEPHONE			
AGENCY CONTACT EMAIL:			
STUDENT DIRECT TELEPHONE*			
STUDENT DIRECT EMAIL*			
RIFLE OPTIC TO BE USED		T-Shirt Size	
CHECK COURSES REQUESTED	☐ LEDM ☐ LEDM T3		
PAYMENT METHOD (EX. Credit Card, P.O., etc.)			
AGENCY BILLING ADDRESS			
CREDIT CARD PAYMENT PORTAL ADDRESS:	LEDM: https://sniperproshop.net/product/law-enforcement-designated-marksman/ LEDM T3 Only: https://sniperproshop.net/product/law-enforcement-designated-marksman-train-the-trainer/		

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

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations after 30 days prior to the course will be refunded 50% of the course tuition. Cancellations after 2 weeks prior to the course will result in forfeiture of paid tuition.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT APPLICANTS

Please answer the following questions:

Are you a Full Time Law Enforcement Officer? _____

Are you a Full Time or Reserve Military service member? _____

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

Are you attending the course on your own time? _____

Who will be responsible for tuition payment?	Applicant	Agency
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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 #

Applicant Signature

Date

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Scenes from past LE Designated Marksman Courses



Shooter engages targets from barricade

LEDM engages target from inside his patrol vehicle



LEDM engages targets from vehicle cover position

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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, 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.*



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
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or email at sniperproshop@bellsouth.net
www.sniperproshop.net
www.highgroundtraining.com

IN 2026, WE ARE CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF TRAINING PROFESSIONALS...

The SPS 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:

- Hamilton County Sheriff's Office SWAT (TN)
- Nashville Intl. Airport Police Special Operations
- Juneau, AK PD SWAT
- Unified Police Department of Greater Salt Lake SWAT (UT)
- Salt Lake City Police SWAT (UT)
- Utah Department of Corrections CIRT
- Utah Highway Patrol SRT
- LMD ERT Royal Canadian Mounted Police
- Larimer Co. Regional SWAT, CO
- Montgomery, AL P.D.
- Sullivan County Sheriff's Office SWAT (TN)
- 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 Training?

Sniper Pro Shop brings over 25 years of experience in developing & presenting sniper, tactical and firearms instructor level 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. 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.



The Next Chapter for the Law Enforcement Designated Marksman program...

We are elated to announce the development of a Law Enforcement Designated Marksman school house with the Johnson City Police Department in Johnson City, Tennessee. The 2026 LEDM series will be co-taught with the JCPD LE Designated Marksman team. JCPD hosted the inaugural LEDM T3 program 2 years ago and has developed an LEDM unit based on the SPS/HGTG model. Their LEDM T3 personnel are undergoing training development to provide the HGTG LEDM and LEDM T3 training courses. JCPD will assume the role of LEDM training provider for the Eastern U.S. in the coming year teaching our program under a curriculum license.