

Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office

Training Academy

Advanced Defensive Tactics Course #1405



This 40 hour FDLE course is designed to increase the student's knowledge of advanced defensive tactics. Advanced defensive tactics is a system of controlled defensive and offensive body movements that criminal justice officers use to respond to a subject's aggression or resistance. These techniques are based on a combination of martial arts, wrestling, and boxing. The physical skills in advanced defensive tactics require practice and repetition. Fitness, strength, agility, balance, and flexibility are vital to the development of these skills.

General Information

Date: April 20 - 24, 2026 (40 hours)
Time: 0800 - 1700
Instructor: M/ Deputy Phillip McNiff
Location: Training Division Building - Mat Room
1409 N. Falkenburg Rd
Tampa, FL 33619
Enrollment: Limited to 24 (Sworn Personnel)
Facilitator: Nicole Simon: nsimon@teamhcsso.com

Course Topics Include:

- Legal Issues
- Review/Recall and New Information
- Use of Force/Response to Resistance Matrix
- Practice & Feedback
- Examples/Demonstration
- Evaluation & Remediation
- Practical & Scenario Exercises

Registration: All HCSO personnel shall submit a training request through your chain of command. All other agencies must submit an Advanced & Specialized Training Authorization form by your training section.

Attendance: 100% attendance is required. All students must adhere to the attendance requirements of the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission and the Rules, Policies and Procedures of the Sheriff's Training Academy

Examination: Participants must achieve a score of no less than 80% on the written end-of-course examination and demonstrate the required proficiency skills, pursuant to Rule 11B-35.0024 in order to receive a certificate of completion.

Dress Policy: Your department's authorized training uniform or Green BDU training uniform and gun belt will be required. No jeans permitted.

Fee: There is no fee associated with this course.

This course is applicable to either Mandatory Retraining or Salary Incentive; Federal I.D. #59-1216107.

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