

# BASIC TACTICAL TRACKING

Combat tracking training for military and SWAT — combined tracking and protection team operations

<b>Prerequisite</b>	Patrol Tracker or equivalent
<b>Target Personnel</b>	Military units, SWAT, specialized law enforcement
<b>Method</b>	Classroom instruction, tactical exercises, and extended field operations
<b>Certification</b>	Worldwide Trackers Tactical Tracking certification
<b>Cost</b>	Contact for quote

## WHAT YOUR PERSONNEL WILL BE ABLE TO DO

- Organize and operate combined tracking and protection teams with designated roles
- Maintain tactical formations while tracking in hostile or uncertain environments
- Navigate using map, compass, and GPS during extended operations
- Execute immediate action drills upon contact
- Communicate using radio protocols, code words, and hand/arm signals
- Conduct sustained multi-day tracking operations with security and rest cycles
- Locate, approach, and manage contact with tracked subjects

## SKILLS DEVELOPED

### Combined Team Operations

- Team organization with designated roles: team leader, assistant team leader, flankers, lead tracker, assistant tracker, medical, canine integration
- Multiple tactical formations for varied terrain and threat levels
- Seamless leadership transitions if team members are incapacitated
- Integration of tracking and protection elements into a single operational team

### Navigation & Communication

- Map and compass orientation including grid azimuths, declination, and resection
- GPS integration with traditional land navigation
- Standardized radio reports and secure code word systems
- Complete hand and arm signal vocabulary for silent team communication

### Tactical Movement

- Terrain assessment: observations, fields of fire, obstacles, key terrain, danger areas
- Movement through rally points, danger areas, and overnight halt positions
- Multiple movement techniques for day and night operations
- Standardized target information and intelligence briefing formats

### Contact & Immediate Action

- Reaction to contact while moving, at halts, and in danger areas
- Multiple immediate action drill options based on situation and range
- Actions on the objective — both detected and undetected approach

- Disengagement and break-contact procedures

### **Sign Cutting & Track Recovery**

- Multiple team-based sign cutting techniques for reacquiring lost tracks
- Systematic search methods adapted for tactical environments
- Track recovery under time pressure and threat conditions

## **LEAD INSTRUCTOR**

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**Fernando Moreira** — Three-generation tracking lineage. Military tracker in the Portuguese armed forces. 30+ years training LE, military, and SAR personnel (since 1995). Active tactical operations with Washoe County Sheriff's Office. Expert witness — California and Nevada courts. Author: *Visual Mantracking for LE and SAR* and *Shadow Disciple*. Has trained military special operations, federal law enforcement tactical units, and international defense forces across five continents.

### **Schedule training or request a quote:**

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## INVESTMENT & LOGISTICS

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<b>Per-Student Cost</b>	Contact for quote
<b>Additional Costs</b>	Instructor travel, lodging, and per diem (billed at actuals)
<b>Scheduling</b>	Available year-round; 4–6 weeks advance booking recommended
<b>Location</b>	Your facility — requires terrain suitable for extended tactical field exercises
<b>What's Included</b>	All training materials, scenario design, tactical exercises, individual certification
<b>Student Requirements</b>	Full tactical gear, weapons (per unit SOP), radio equipment, map/compass, GPS, notepad, weather-appropriate clothing, sustainment gear for multi-day exercises

## COURSE OVERVIEW

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### Classroom Block

- Combined tracking and protection team organization and roles
- Tactical formations for varied terrain and threat environments
- Map and compass orientation, GPS integration
- Radio protocols, code words, and hand/arm signal systems
- Target information and intelligence briefing standards

### Field Block

- Tactical movement techniques for day and night operations
- Danger area negotiation and rally point procedures
- Team-based sign cutting and track recovery under operational conditions
- Contact drills and immediate action procedures
- Extended tracking exercises simulating sustained operations
- Actions on the objective — approach, containment, and subject management

## NTOA COMPLIANCE

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The 2023 NTOA Tactical Response and Operations Standard (TROS) identifies tactical tracking in urban environments as a required capability for Tier 1 SWAT teams (Figure C-11). Basic Tactical Tracking directly addresses this standard. Certification documentation supports NTOA compliance reporting.

### FOR AGENCIES REQUIRING SOLE-SOURCE JUSTIFICATION

Fernando Moreira's combination of qualifications substantially limits the field of available providers for tactical-level tracking instruction: a lifetime of operational tracking experience, 30+ years of continuous instruction (since 1995), active law enforcement service, expert witness qualification in two state court systems, military tracking background, and demonstrated capability training special operations and defense forces across five continents. Agencies seeking tactical tracking instruction that integrates operational deployment experience with a published, evidence-based curriculum may find that competitive sourcing does not yield equivalent alternatives.

*This document provides background information to support an agency's independent procurement determination.*

## ADDITIONAL AVAILABLE TRAINING

Course	Duration	Prerequisite
Patrol Tracker	40 hours	None
Crime Scene Track Investigation	40 hours	Patrol Tracker or equivalent

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