

# Court Officers Take Active Shooter Course

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The NYS Court Officers Academy Active Shooter Course is a comprehensive two-day program that provides uniformed personnel with the hands-on tactical skills necessary to respond to an active shooter incident. There is a strong emphasis on decision making, team formations, tactical searching, communication, use of cover and threat response.

Training begins with an in-depth classroom review of NYS Law and UCS policy regarding the use of force and deadly physical force.

Officers are outfitted with simunitions weapons while participating in practical exercises where they learn to navigate hallways, stairwells, and room entry techniques and tactical team formations. Lowlight situation drills are conducted requiring the use of flashlights to search for active shooters.

Scenarios involving multiple shooters and non-aggressors progress in complexity as officers are placed in stressful conditions to simulate the chaotic environment of an active shooter situation while exercising proper judgment at all times.

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These photographs were taken during an interactive training program in Brooklyn on August 31. Veteran officers and new recruits drilled with specially designed 9mm guns that fired paint rounds during the day long active shooter training program.



Specially outfitted hand guns, which shoot paintball bullets, await court officers in an interactive training program in Brooklyn, NY on Thursday, August 31, 2017. ..Veteran officers and new recruits participated in the day long active shooter training program. ..Over time, all court officers around the the state will learn tactics to better protect judges, lawyers, court personnel and the public in the event of a courthouse incident. ...(Photo by David Handschuh/NYLJ)



Court officers race up a staircase during an interactive training program in Brooklyn, NY on Thursday, August 31, 2017. ..Veteran officers and new recruits drilled with specially designed 9mm guns that fired paint rounds, during the day long active shooter training program. ..Over time, all court officers around the the state will learn tactics to better protect judges, lawyers, court personnel and the public in the event of a courthouse incident. ...(Photo by David Handschuh/NYLJ)



Captain Anthony Mung, left, coaches court officers participating in an interactive training program in Brooklyn, NY on Thursday, August 31, 2017. ..Over time, all court officers around the the state will learn tactics to better protect judges, lawyers, court personnel and the public in the event of a courthouse incident. ...(Photo by David Handschuh/NYLJ)



A court officer handcuffs a simulated bad guy during an interactive training program in Brooklyn, NY on Thursday, August 31, 2017. ..Veteran officers and new recruits drilled with specially designed 9mm guns that fired paint rounds during the day long active shooter training program. ..Over time, all court officers around the the state will learn tactics to better protect judges, lawyers, court personnel and the public in the event of a courthouse incident. ...(Photo by David Handschuh/NYLJ)