



U.S. Mounted Response Training Center

General Information



WHAT IS THE MR TRAINING CENTER

The U.S. Mounted Response Training Center is a place where search teams, law enforcement agencies, wilderness rescue personnel and special units receive training vital to the success of their mission from experienced mounted rangers and their horses.

WE TRAIN YOU TO PROVIDE MOUNTED SERVICES

Event coordinators and incident commanders know that crowd and traffic management, perimeter security and maintaining safety on recreational paths are common problems. We prepare you to offer a uniquely effective and cost efficient tool for incident prevention and response. Take a few minutes to observe our graduates at work and you'll discover why coordinators and commanders rest more comfortably when they call for the horses. Learn from the best:

VIP Escort	Mounted Trackers	Incident Response	Recreational Area Patrols
Public Relations	Search Operations	Crowd Management	Law Enforcement Support
Perimeter Patrol	Remote Area Patrols	Traffic Management	
Asset Protection	Business District Patrols	Mounted Tactical Response	

OPERATIONAL FLEXIBILITY

National law enforcement studies reveal that a single mounted officer may be as effective as ten to fifteen officers on foot. The Mounted Response Unit Training Center prepares you to provide a cost effective method of enhancing the efficiency of law enforcement, security and search operations when combined with traditional foot, canine and motorized services. Our graduates routinely work alongside public law enforcement and private security personnel. The tremendous flexibility of a mounted unit offers incident commanders and event organizers capabilities including rapid response over changing terrain, superior visibility and efficient situation management.

TRAINING

Whether human or equine, all graduates are required to meet strict qualification criteria. Ongoing training opportunities for our graduates ensure continued top quality service to their communities. Instructors serving with the center include those with experience in law enforcement, emergency medical services, tactical operations, wilderness rescue, human tracking, animal tracking, public relations, wilderness survival and education. Mounts are selected for their personality, physical ability and aptitude, then trained in crowd management, search operations, traffic management and law enforcement operations. Mounts undergo extensive preparation for work in and around large crowds, congested traffic, aircraft, canine units and wildlife. Two of our resident mounts are in continued air-scent training as trackers (their noses more sensitive than that of a dog); one has successfully identified and captured drug dealers and another has been named a Horse Hero.

CLIENT COMMENTS

"We are thankful to have such a resource available." ~ Chief of Police, VT

"You guys are fantastic!" On seeing rangers and mounts assist in the capture of suspected thieves. ~ Grand Isle Sheriff

"... we're looking at more ways to use your expertise... the chief says you are my best idea ever!" ~ National Night Out Coordinator

"...You guys are good, really good... I look forward to working with you again." ~ State Trooper

"...I watched your horse scent out and capture drug dealers, wow!" ~ Drug Enforcement Officer

CONTACT

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COURSES FOR MOUNTED LAW ENFORCEMENT & SEARCH PERSONNEL

TRAIL MEDIC[®]

EMERGENCY CARE OF HORSE, RIDER & CANINE

A two hour ride along country trails has just taken an unwanted turn. Your horse panics when frightened by a bear and lunges headlong off the trail, injuring himself and you in the process. This unique program identifies and addresses common medical emergencies for horse, rider and canine. You will learn to prepare for backcountry emergencies, identify hazards before they become injuries, and when necessary, perform life saving techniques where no other help exists. Critical knowledge and skills include: wound care; sudden illness; hygiene; digestive ailments; trauma; hoof injuries; and CPR for horse, rider and canine.

- ◆ Hazard Recognition and Injury Prevention
- ◆ Emergency Supplies and Field Kits
- ◆ Alone and Injured in the Backcountry
- ◆ Conditioning Horse and Rider
- ◆ Trail Equipment that Makes Sense
- ◆ Equine/Human/Canine CPR

BOMBPROOFING

CALMING THE FEARS IN HORSE & RIDER[®]

A phone company lineman strips cable from the giant wooden spool on the back of his truck shortly before a speeding car sends stones from the gravel road flying past your mare. Once known as an easily frightened horse, she now casually acknowledges the lineman and ignores the rude driver. The events are real and the horse had just completed training with Capt. Mitchell. Every environment in which a rider places their horse has the potential of creating a runaway. It is your job as the horse's mentor and protector to ensure that no harm shall pass its way. During this program we will work with you and your mount to develop important skills that will enable both of you to enjoy encounters that others fear. It includes:

- ◆ When Your Horse Spooks
- ◆ Training Techniques and Obstacles
- ◆ Creating Trust that Overcomes Fear
- ◆ Common Equine Fears and Responses
- ◆ Anticipating Fright, Flight, Fight Behaviors
- ◆ Strategies for a Calm and Enjoyable Ride

SELF DEFENSE ON HORSEBACK[®]

Riding in the backcountry or along a pleasant recreational trail is one of the joys of horse ownership. It is also one of the venues of greatest danger for horse and rider. Assaults are not restricted to urban centers: whether alone or in small groups, we may become the targets of those who would do us harm. We need not fear a ride in the wilderness or along a park trail if we have the skills to prevent and address attacks. This essential clinic will train you to:

- ◆ Identify and Avoid Attackers
- ◆ Protect Your Horse and Yourself
- ◆ Ride with Alertness and Confidence
- ◆ Reduce Your Profile as an Assault Victim
- ◆ Prepare Yourself and Your Horse to Fight Back
- ◆ Turn Yourself and Your Horse into Defensive Weapons

RIDE LIKE A RANGER - SAR[®]

Mounted volunteer and professional Search & Rescue personnel are presented with obstacles rarely encountered by the average trail rider. You must be able to navigate rough terrain, survive hazardous weather, live in the field for days at a time and complete your mission. Can you and your horse track a lost hiker, move safely off trail or handle an encounter with a bear? Get the training you need:

- ◆ Human Tracking
- ◆ Preserving Evidence
- ◆ Field Communications
- ◆ Techniques for Searching on Horseback
- ◆ Fundamentals of Search and Rescue Operations
- ◆ Preparing Mount and Rider for Extended Operations

RANGERS ON HORSEBACK[®]

Rangers on Horseback, Proud, Efficient, Commanding — It's not just a motto, it's reality. National studies show that the would-be felon at an outdoor event who turns to see an officer on horseback is more likely to leave the area than carry out a criminal act. Those who are foolish enough to commit the crime soon discover why police horses are known for their ability to make the capture. This mounted training program offers you and your horse the opportunity to develop mission specific skills. These are just a few of the topics:

- ◆ VIP and Vehicle Escort
- ◆ Precautions When Riding in Crowds
- ◆ Mounted Unit Formations and Maneuvers
- ◆ Assertive Crowd and Vehicle Management
- ◆ Rough Terrain and Extended Operations Protocols
- ◆ Tandem Operations with Canine Units, Foot Patrols and Official Vehicles

TACTICAL FIRST RESPONDER[®]

Recent events have demonstrated that the problems and violence of the world have found their way into small town America. Police officers, EMTs and volunteer firefighters all know that responding to a domestic dispute is all too often just as dangerous as responding to a terrorist act. Assailants may be of any age, gender or race. First responders are often among the first targets. The next time that you respond will you be ready? This intensive program builds real skills based on real events.

- ◆ Protocols for a Tactical Response Incident
- ◆ Techniques for Improving Safety During Approaches
- ◆ Getting to the Injured
- ◆ Tactical Extrications
- ◆ Personal Precautions
- ◆ Special Situation Command Structure
- ◆ PTSD... Dealing with the Aftermath

I'M NOT LOST, JUST CONFUSED[®]

Map, Compass and GPS Navigation for Backcountry Riders and Hikers

Treks into the backcountry where the spotted fawns play and the hawks soar are among life's great joys. Having the tools and experience to accurately use topographic maps, compasses and GPS units can add to the relaxation! You will learn to get from here to there and back again using enjoyable and challenging techniques that give you the skills to plot your own way along roads, streams and wilderness areas.

- ◆ Map and Compass Reading
- ◆ Basic Land Navigation on Horseback
- ◆ Locating Trails that Have Wandered Away
- ◆ Using Road Maps, Topographic Maps and Aerial Photos
- ◆ Estimating Distances and Riding Time
- ◆ Combining Map, Compass and GPS

ALL-TERRAIN SURVIVAL[®]

All-Terrain Survival prepares adventurers and emergency personnel for a variety of survival situations commonly and not-so-commonly found in wilderness settings. You'll tackle emergency shelter, fire building, field navigation, electronic navigation, traversing natural obstacles, dealing with aggressive wildlife, signaling, wilderness cooking and basic wilderness first aid. This program includes multiple outdoor field exercises to be completed regardless of weather conditions.

- ◆ Emergency Shelter
- ◆ Safe Fire Building
- ◆ Field Navigation
- ◆ Traversing Obstacles
- ◆ Field Defense and Signaling
- ◆ Essential Wilderness First Aid
- ◆ Wilderness Foods and Cooking

TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR MOUNTED LAW ENFORCEMENT & SEARCH PERSONNEL

Training programs are offered in direct response to requests from mounted personnel for a single source of comprehensive preparation of officers and mounts engaged in mounted patrols, mounted law enforcement and/or mounted search operations. The USMRTC offers skill attainment training programs and is well versed in the rapid development and delivery of custom programs. Please do not hesitate to request a program specific to your needs. More detailed information on these and other programs is available by contacting the Commanding Officer, U.S. Mounted Response Training Center, info@horsepatrol.org

MOUNTED RESPONSE FIELD COMMAND[®]

Command personnel with mounted units have unique strategic and tactical responsibilities. The agility, rapid response and potential stealth of mounted units presents field commanders with challenges not found in other types of operations. This specialized training program provides command personnel with the skills to organize, lead and succeed.

- ◆ Strategic and Tactical Planning for Mounted Units
- ◆ Coordination with Non-Mounted Personnel
- ◆ Voice and Visual Field Communications
- ◆ Establishing and Maintaining Unit Cohesion
- ◆ Mounted Unit Protocols and Record Keeping

MOUNTED TRAINING OFFICER CERTIFICATION[®]

The preparation of horse, rider and support personnel for mounted operations requires trainers who possess the skills, talent and materials to effectively prepare horse and human for the rapidly changing duties of mounted units. Training officers must be versed in all phases of mounted operations as well as the most up-to-date methods of skill development for all of their students, equine and human. During this extended program your average day will include time in the classroom, working with horses in training environments and in developing field experiences. Successful graduates of this certification program will return to their units with the skills to train horses and people for all phases of mounted operations. Those who attain exceptional levels of proficiency will be certified as Approved Training Officers and permitted to run courses using USMRTC materials and techniques.

- ◆ Organizing and Running Training Events
- ◆ Standards for Mounted Officer Certification
- ◆ Mounted Drills and Formations
- ◆ Developing an Obstacle Course
- ◆ Effective Training Methods for Horse and Rider

FUNDAMENTALS OF MOUNTED OPERATIONS[®]

All too often mounted law enforcement, search personnel and their horses become injured or cause injuries to the public because they lack adequate preparation to do the job properly. Your success and the safety of all around you depends on the skills you and your horse possess individually and as patrol partners. Fundamentals of Mounted Operations offers horse and rider the opportunity to develop situation specific skills enabling each to function effectively and competently under field conditions.

- ◆ Roles and Responsibilities of the Mounted Officer
- ◆ Creating a Partnership With Your Horse
- ◆ Basic Drills and Formations
- ◆ Overcoming Obstacles
- ◆ Field Exercises

Special Note

A word of caution... Occasionally well-meaning but unqualified individuals and organizations attempt to replicate our work. At least five lives have been lost and dozens of injuries sustained due to such illicit activity. For that reason the physical and intellectual property of the U.S. Mounted Response Training Center and Capt. Grant Mitchell is copyrighted. Copying in any form (in part or whole) is prohibited. We aggressively protect our rights as well as those of our clients.