



LAW ENFORCEMENT MOUNTAIN OPERATIONS SCHOOL

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Location: Priest Lake Ranger Station, Priest Lake, Idaho

Duration: 6 Days | 60+ Hours

Cost: \$950 (Includes Meals and Accommodations)

Class Size: Limited to 24 Students

Target Audience: Law Enforcement Officers (Patrol & Investigative Roles) with duties in remote backcountry areas

Course Overview:

The Basic Mountain Operations Course (BMOC) is an intensive training program designed to equip law enforcement officers with essential skills, knowledge, and the resilient mindset needed to operate safely and effectively in some of the most demanding remote and wilderness landscapes. Developed collaboratively by Canadian and U.S. law enforcement agencies, the BMOC is rooted in real-world experiences and lessons learned in unforgiving environments. The curriculum prioritizes safety, teamwork, adaptability, and operational readiness for missions in remote or mountainous terrain.

Participants will engage in a dynamic blend of classroom instruction and hands-on field exercises, fostering the critical competencies needed for navigation, winter operations, bushcraft, cold-weather survival, rural surveillance, and emergency medical response—all tailored specifically to law enforcement needs in remote patrol areas and the backcountry.

Course Objectives & Topics

By the end of BMOC, participants will demonstrate proficiency in the following areas:

- **Wilderness Navigation:** Proficiency in map reading, compass skills, ATAK navigation and operations, GPS operation, route planning, and winter travel techniques (e.g., snowshoeing and safe movement across varied terrain).
- **Bushcraft & Survival:** Safe use of knives, saws and axes, construction of emergency shelters, firecraft in adverse conditions, environmental awareness, resourcefulness, and the fundamentals of self-reliance during extended operations.
- **Cold Weather Operations:** Early recognition, prevention, and treatment of cold-weather injuries (hypothermia, frostbite, etc.); implementing personal and team safety protocols to mitigate environmental risks.
- **Mission Planning & Tactics:** Conducting effective team movement, tactical decision-making under pressure, and comprehensive planning for winter and remote operations, including risk assessment and contingency strategies.
- **Rural Surveillance:** Employing advanced observation techniques, camouflage and concealment, movement discipline, and enhanced situational awareness to support law enforcement missions in challenging environments.
- **Wilderness Medical Skills:** Cold weather-specific first aid, trauma management, patient packaging and evacuation, and expanding agency-specific medical capabilities for remote settings.
- **Professional Mindset & Leadership:** Cultivating mental resilience, adaptive leadership, stress management, and the elevated awareness required to safeguard oneself and the team during isolated and complex operations.

Training Methodology

BMOC employs a rigorous training approach that combines theoretical foundation with realistic field exercises. Officers are immersed in scenarios that simulate the physical and psychological challenges unique to mountain and wilderness law enforcement duties. Emphasis is placed on teamwork, communication, and the ability to adapt and lead in rapidly changing conditions. Peer and instructor feedback is integral to the learning process, fostering individual growth and collective mission success.

Why BMOC?

BMOC is more than a skill-building course—it is a transformative experience that forges the mindset and leadership qualities required to excel in backcountry operations. Officers will be challenged to sustain situational awareness, make tactical decisions under pressure, and maintain group cohesion, even in the harsh and isolated settings. BMOC provides a rare opportunity for Officers and Agents to work together in teams formed with International partners, State, Local and Federal agencies. The course prepares participants not only to survive—but to lead and thrive—no matter where duty calls.

Ready to take your operational readiness to the next level, or Need More Info?

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