



Behavioral Observation Training©

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Basic Behavioral Observation Training©

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No Pre-requisite/open to sworn and non-sworn agency personnel and community partners

**Class Location: Santa Clara Fire Training Center
1900 Walsh Avenue
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Registration Link: [Basic Behavioral Observation Training](#)

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Behavioral Observation Training© is a scientifically-based curriculum focused on characteristics of human behavior: what they are and how they are manifested, how to identify them and how to use them to spot criminal or terrorist activity or intent. Our curriculum is based on the proven premise that by understanding the environmental context and behavioral expectations in that specific environment, behaviors deviating from the norm can be recognized and used to identify individuals potentially involved in unlawful activity. The techniques taught in the Behavioral Observation Training curriculum are proven to be based in the science of the human nervous system and free of all bias.

Basic Behavioral Observation Training teaches students to identify and react to behavioral indicators of threat. Class begins with detailed discussion and examples of situational behavioral baselining, then progresses to instruction on detecting suspicious behavior. We then explore the science of stress and how the stress of being engaged in deception results in involuntary non-verbal and verbal behaviors. Basic Behavioral Observation Training continues with discussion of visual, non-verbal criminal characteristics, including both individual and group behaviors. Instruction concludes with exploration of verbal criminal characteristics and initial contact tactics to foster decision confidence to detain or release.

Course Objectives

Basic Behavioral Observation Training instructs and coaches students to:

- Observe behavior to establish a baseline of normal behavior
- Use the baseline to establish a value system through which to detect suspicious behavior in an unbiased manner
- Understand how stress affects the human body
- Learn how to identify and interpret individual and group behaviors manifested by stress and situational events
- Recognize characteristics consistent with National Suspicious Activity Reporting Initiative criminal and non-criminal indicators and behaviors
- Contact persons of interest to determine intent or activity, conclude contact or continue interview

Hours: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm	
Module 0 – Welcome and Introductions	Module 3 – Criminal Characteristics: Visual/Non-Verbal - Background - Non-verbal indicators - Group behavior - Cultural differences
Module 1 – Baselining - Situational awareness - Baselining normal behavior - Detecting suspicious behavior	Module 4 –Criminal Characteristics – Verbal - Initial contact - Verbal indicators
Module 2 – Stress - Sympathetic nervous system - Parasympathetic nervous system	Module 5 – Review, Assessment and Conclusions