

**Office of Field Operations
Laredo Port of Entry
January 25, 2018**

Shoot House

Action Required: Approval

Time Constraint: Immediate

Issue: No facility to conduct multi-dimensional tactical training that will allow for real-world application of ACTIVE SHOOTER and building breaching training.

Executive Summary:

U.S Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Port of Laredo is requesting approval to move forward with the construction of a Live Simunitions shoot house. Current events indicate the frequency of ACTIVE SHOOTER incidents. This alarming trend has increased in recent years and has affected workplaces, citizen congregations and schools to name a few. Unfortunately, these events highlight the ever increasing need to reduce the risk of active shooter incidents while improving preparedness and strengthening ongoing efforts intended to prevent future occurrences and loss. Scenario Based Training is the latest firearms training technique available at any tactical level. Emotionally charged and realistic scenarios will be used to test and evaluate how participants deal with rapid information processing and decision making with a firearm under stress. The shoot house will give participants an opportunity to hone their skills in a venue that approaches real world scenarios, promotes the highest chance of victim and responder survivability through awareness.

Background:

- One dimensional qualification shooting courses
- No response protocol training.
- Minimal tactical training for Officers.
- Response team's timely mobilization estimated time of arrival (ETA).
- Unidentified response command structure.
- SRT members frequently deployed outside AOR.

Projected results:

- Improve preparedness, efficiency and expertise in response protocols.
- Maximize resources and communication.
- Specialized training for Officers (Run, Hide, Defend Strategies).
- Trained Officers strategically located in order to facilitate response time.
- Increased safety mitigation capabilities to eliminate or reduce the loss of life and property.
- Joint coordinated training between Federal, State and local Law Enforcement agencies.

Recommendation:

Laredo Training Branch has assessed the benefits with such path forward and recommends proposing and providing a formal request to the Port of Laredo Management. The benefits highlighted above outweigh the negative restriction and lack of trainings. The Laredo Training Branch recommends that all training required for this initiative be coordinated through the UFTD Coordinators and SRT Operators. Estimated cost: \$25,000, which includes building materials, cameras, simunitions protective gear and literature. Recommended project name: Simunitions Training And Combat House (STAC House).

Approved/Date: _____

Disapproved/Date: _____

Needs Discussion/Date: _____

Modify/Date: _____

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