



SWAT Officer Jim Wagner poses in his official Costa Mesa Police Department SWAT Scout/Sniper uniform at the Military Operations Urban Terrain (MOUT) facility at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, California in 1996. As Command Post Operations Officer Officer Wagner was required to train as a scout/sniper and know snipercraft. In actual SWAT missions one of Officer Wagner's responsibilities was to scout out the target, in the kill zone, in order to obtain intelligence for tactical diagrams that would be used by the Entry Team and Sniper Team. To understand what these teams needed to know Officer Wagner had to know the tactics of both. He also had to take courses in hostage negotiations, intelligence gathering, and command post operations in order to organize information for the SWAT Commander coming from the Intelligence Officer and Negotiations Team.