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# Guide to becoming a RAIDER *Hosting Partner*

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The RAIDER Solo-Engagement Tactics program is exclusively available to police and licensed armed security personnel.

This guide is designed to assist the RAIDER *Hosting Partner* in conducting a successful RAIDER training program. This guide outlines actions taken by the ALICE Training Institute and the *Hosting Partner* to ensure a high level of success.

Effective promotion by the RAIDER Hosting Partner is crucial to the success of the training event.

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# What is RAIDER?

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The **RAIDER** (**R**apid Deployment, **A**wareness, **I**ntervention, **D**ecisiveness, **E**MS, **R**ecovery) Solo-Engagement Tactics program is exclusively available to police and licensed armed security personnel.

## Addressing Unique Challenges

RAIDER exposes first-on-scene responders to the tactical skills necessary to operate in the unique Active Shooter setting – a hostile environment, populated by large numbers of civilians, with an Active Shooter attempting to achieve the highest body count possible in the shortest amount of time. This is not a normal event, nor is the response.

## Solo-Engagement Tactics

There will always be a first officer on the scene. If he or she waits for more officers – as is the protocol in many units – who are we portraying needs help more - the officer or the victims under attack? Solo-engagement training is designed to provide officers with the necessary mental and physical skills to draw the attention of the active shooter away from the potential victims, confuse and frustrate the shooter, and successfully neutralize the situation.

## The Courses

Our leveled courses are designed to provide Officers with a new skill set of moving alone in hostile environments. The courses involve classroom, range, and scenario instruction and are delivered in a logical progression.

See *RAIDER Course Guide* for detailed course descriptions, agendas and pricing.

Course Name	Duration	Pre-Requisite	Description
RAIDER Level 1	2 days	Active Police Officer or Armed Security	Non-live-fire with emphasis on skills and tactics
RAIDER Level 2	4 days	Active Police Officer or Armed Security	Includes RAIDER Level 1 training plus Live-fire exercises and strategies
RAIDER Level 3	5 days	Certified [Firearm or Active Shooter] Instructor	Includes RAIDER L1 & L2 training plus Instructor level training

# Why you should be a RAIDER *Hosting Partner*

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## Leadership Role in your Region

By hosting the RAIDER Training Program, your agency can participate as a leader in the professional development of law enforcement personnel from your agency and other area agencies. Receiving participants from your local and larger geographic area gives you the opportunity to demonstrate your agency's commitment to professional training and to showcase your agency to others. Agencies that felt isolated before will gain new contacts for future cooperative programs.

## Solo Officer vs. Quad Team Tactics

Be proactive! Large and small team tactics are yesterday's tactics in responding to Active Shooters. Bring research based tactics to your area agencies.

Quad Team Tactics? There has yet to be a documented case of quad team tactics used to stop an active shooter directly! Quad team tactics don't apply if only one officer is on scene, and citizens inside are under attack.

Solo-Officer Engagement tactics are being adopted by law enforcement agencies across the country as the most realistic response option for Active Shooter events.

- Officers need specific training on entering active, hostile environments alone.
- Started in 2007, RAIDER was one of the first formal training classes designed for Solo-Engagement Tactics
- ATI prefers that Levels be not run consecutively (back-to-back). While all attendees will receive certificates of attendance, not all will be deemed eligible to move to the next level of the courses. ATI recommends at least 4-6 weeks between Levels. This also minimizes officers being away from the department for long stretches of time.

## Cost Effective Training for You

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Hosting a RAIDER class offers law enforcement agencies the best of all possible worlds: Expert, up-to-date training programs at reduced cost, conducted in your own back yard.

## Complimentary Seats

The RAIDER *Hosting Partner* will receive two free training seats for the first fifteen paid registrants. As your class expands, the RAIDER *Hosting Partner* receives one additional seat per every ten paid attendees up to a maximum of three. Example: 25 paid registrants will give your agency 3 free training seats.

## Budgetary Friendly

Budgetary constraints facing most agencies negatively affect the ability to obtain quality training. The *Hosting Partner* program has been extremely beneficial in reducing costs for host agencies and agencies sending personnel to training courses, as well as regional participants.

## No Travel Cost

Since the course is held at or near your agency, officers are away from their department for a reduced amount of time. This cuts down on travel time and hotel expenses for your agency, therefore cost is virtually eliminated.

# RAIDER *Hosting Partner* Responsibilities

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The success of the RAIDER Hosting Program is linked to the local host sponsoring the training class.

**Effective promotion by the Host is crucial to recruiting registrants for a training class**

We ask that you assist us with the delivery of the program by providing the following:

## Building Requirements

1. Climate controlled building (preferably) with electric power and which does not contain mold/ asbestos/ or other harmful substances
2. Unoccupied building, or occupied that is NEITHER open to public NOR employees **during the class time**
3. One long hallway (minimum 100-150 feet)
4. At least 6 rooms on both sides of hallways, some with entries directly across from each other are preferred
5. "T" or "L" intersecting hallways
6. Restroom facilities for both sexes
7. One large room to be used as a common area is preferred

### Range Requirements for Level 2 & Level 3 RAIDER

1. At least 50 yard range
2. If available, a multiple berm range allowing for angle shooting (180 degree shooting is preferred)
3. NOT open to public (we will be building a portable shoot-house and will be leaving it and other equipment on range at the end of class days)
4. Restroom facilities for both sexes
5. Ground must be grass/dirt or very light gravel which will allow for metal "T" fencing post to be driven into it. A concrete pad range will NOT be acceptable
6. Indoor range is acceptable if at least 5-6 lanes wide, and infrastructure will allow tarps to be hung from the ceiling or cables (target movers), however, and outdoor range is always preferred

## A Classroom

Secure a classroom for the full two days that will fit at least 15 participants and include the following:

- Projector with ability to connect to a laptop (either via VGA or HDMI) which we will bring with us.
- Screen to display the laptop presentation from the projector.
- Internet access for our trainer.
- Power outlets for our trainer's laptop.
- A flip charts and/or a whiteboard as also helpful for classroom discussions.
- *Hosting Partners* should plan to provide coffee and refreshments for the class.

## A Firearms Range

Secure a location for each day we conduct live fire training (see *RAIDER Course Guide*) to demonstrate RAIDER strategies. Most participants find this to be the most meaningful portion of the class that brings the classroom training to real life.

## Building for Force-on-Force Scenarios

Secure a suitable structure for the required days where a building is needed for Levels 1 (both days) and Level 3 (last day). Any structure that has multiple rooms, hallways, and large room or common area will suffice. An ideal scenario location can be an empty school, church, hospital or similar type structure that has at least one hallway, several rooms and a few exit points.

## Contact Person

We request the assignment of a representative to attend the course and assist our trainer with on-site coordination of activities. This individual should be selected in the first stages of the hosting request. This will allow our staff to begin working with this person to provide information and to resolve any concerns that may arise. We realize this individual's duties may change and someone else may have to take their place as on-site coordinator, however, he or she must be able to brief the successor.

## Announcements to Local Organizations

Once an agreement on training dates has been reached, the RAIDER *Hosting Partner* is responsible for promoting the class by way of e-mail, personal contacts, or other methods. It's often helpful to reach out to schools, universities churches, hospitals, corporations and other regional agencies. You are the local contact in your area and we find the more personal contacts made by the host, the more successful the class. This process will assist in securing sufficient enrollment for the class. Effective promotion by the Host Partner is crucial to recruiting registrants for a training class. Advertisement should begin at least two months prior to the course being held. If any additional information is needed, we can provide course flyers to assist you in your efforts. Due to the requirement of procuring and shipping the portable "shoothouse" materials, ATI requires class minimum size be met 3 weeks prior to first day of Level 2 or Level 3 courses.

# ATI Responsibilities

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## Handle all Class Registrations

We will monitor and manage all class registrations that come in through our online system. At a minimum of ten days before a class is scheduled to run, we will either confirm or cancel a class based on the number of paid registrants. It is crucial that the RAIDER *Hosting Partner* register its individuals as soon as possible in order to have an accurate idea of total enrollment. The number of paid registrants required to confirm a class is 15. We will notify the RAIDER *Hosting Partner* regarding the confirmation or cancellation, and will process refunds if necessary. Please do not make any non-refundable arrangements for the class or its attendees until the class is confirmed.

## Provide all Training Materials

Attendees will be provided login credential to an e-library via our website where supplemental materials may be downloaded electronically.

## Provide a Trainer

We will provide two RAIDER trainers who have current and up to date training certification (except for Level 3 – only one trainer).

## Formal Recognition of Your Agency

By becoming a RAIDER *Hosting Partner*, your agency is contributing to the professional development of law enforcement personnel. For that reason, we invite all Host Partners to speak to the participants at the opening of each training program. We would ask that the chief of police, sheriff or the designee address the opening session of the training to welcome the attendees to your community. The welcoming remarks are important to the participants. It breaks the ice and makes them feel as if they are your agency's special guests.

## Training Certificates

Certificates indicate successful completion of the training program. They will be distributed at the end of the class. If a participant's name is misspelled or a participant does not receive a certificate due to late registration, a replacement will be mailed to the participant at the address indicated on the registration.

## Class Fliers – Promotional Templates

We will provide our RAIDER Host Partners with a digital class flier which you may use to distribute electrically, on your website, or through traditional mail.

## Materials

We will provide all the materials for the portable "shoot-house" needed for the class. The "shoot-house" is constructed with T-Posts, PVC Pipe and Tarps. It can be configured in limitless arrangements. ATI will also

provide targets and portable target stands. All these materials, you (the RAIDER Host Partner) will keep and be able to reuse at the conclusion of the class.

\*You as the host agency will be responsible for the pickup/delivery of the material to the designated address.

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