

## OpTac International Tabletop Challenge

The OpTac International Tabletop Challenge is presented in this edition of our News Bulletin. This is the final part of the challenge in which initial intelligence from an actual incident was provided in Parts 1 and 2. Readers are encouraged to submit their answers to the response-related questions. The best answer, along with a description of what actually happened will appear in a subsequent News Bulletin.

### Tabletop Exercise Part 3:

#### Additional Intelligence:

- Witness - Bill Thomas, Sr. (Father- 78 years old). Took the shotgun from the suspect and hid it behind the refrigerator. The suspect may still have a handgun.
- Rescued Victim Shot by Suspect - Mary Frederick (Sister- 43 years old - later died at hospital)
- Deceased Victim Shot by Suspect - Steven Frederick (Sister's Spouse - 47 years old)
- Suspect - Bill Thomas, Jr. (45 years old)
- Except for the suspect, no additional people are believed inside of the residence.

1630hrs - The suspect is observed unarmed standing in the bedroom window, but does not respond to attempted negotiations/contact.

#### Questions for negotiators, tactical officers, and commanders:

- 1) How will you negotiate with a deaf-mute?
- 2) What is your tactical plan if the suspect does not surrender?
- 3) What is your timeline for negotiations before initiating tactical action?

Tabletop exercises similar to the one presented in this News Bulletin are part of our tactical command and critical incident management curricula. Your answers to these questions can be emailed to: [optacemail@optacinternational.com](mailto:optacemail@optacinternational.com).