

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSE

Course Name: TFO Tactics for Air Support Units - Level 1

Course Date: November 6-7, 2025

San Diego, California (KCRQ Airport)

Learn airborne law enforcement tactics to effectively locate and apprehend suspects

This course is developed for law enforcement officers, assigned as tactical flight officers (TFO's), who operate aerial assets (drone, helicopter, fixed wing aircraft).

Students will leave with an understanding of the fundamentals of airborne law enforcement suspect apprehension tactics.

This course presents specific curriculum that your officers can use immediately to improve their support to ground resources.

Each student will receive:

- ✓ An understanding of specific strategies for searching for, locating and apprehending fleeing suspects
- ✓ Knowledge and familiarization in infrared search (IR) tactics
- ✓ Ability to coordinate arrest teams to maximize the "reactionary gap", improve de-escalation and maintain officer safety.
- ✓ The opportunity to participate in multiple, post-incident mission debriefs, using actual mission videos from real incidents.
- ✓ **Training completion certificate**

MEET YOUR INSTRUCTORS



RYAN WELCH, a former San Diego Police Officer and Tactical Flight Officer in the SDPD Air Support Unit for over 8 years, amassing 4,000+ flight hours, and specialized in airborne thermal imaging.

As Director of Training for Tactical Flying, he is an expert in infrared technology, airborne law enforcement tactics, and tactical instruction. His career includes street patrol, gang enforcement, and 15+ years coaching youth baseball. Ryan has trained hundreds of airborne law enforcement members throughout the world and is uniquely experienced to help train your agency personnel.



NICK MINX, owner of Tactical Flying, is also a sworn police sergeant in San Diego with over 20 years of experience in street patrol, air support and canine operations.

With his background in field and air tactics he has trained hundreds of air crew from around the world and built a working knowledge of navigating unique environments, anticipating criminal behavior, and the special considerations associated with operating as a law enforcement officer in the field.

Our instructors bring years of global experience, guiding and instructing agencies and operators worldwide. No one offers a more comprehensive, proven knowledge base of what works—and what doesn't—than we do.

Presenter: Tactical Flying, Inc.

Course Tuition: \$395 (Max enrollment: 35)

Course Location: Carlsbad McClellan Airport (KCRQ) - Ramp parking/hotel lodging available

Register at: www.tacticalflying.com/classes