

“NEVER OUT OF THE FIGHT”



As creators of the Connecticut SWAT Challenge, we are proud to welcome you to the 20th year of the Connecticut SWAT Challenge. This year, teams from all over the Country and over 90 companies will be represented at the CSC, making this another great year. We have overcome COVID, reductions in budgets and training and a lack of personnel to make sure you all have this event to hone your skills. More work went into this year than any previous year, so please remember that. The goal of the CT SWAT Challenge is to provide a forum where realistic training is provided in an atmosphere where officers from all departments can collaborate to better themselves and their teams.

It also provides the opportunity to view the latest technology being deployed by tactical teams throughout the country. Sincere thanks go to this year's sponsors and vendors, whose support and generosity allow us to host this event. As with any good thing, it is those behind the scenes that make the CSC so special. Volunteers have spent countless hours of their own time to make this event what it is. As their commanders, we couldn't be prouder of their effort and results. We would also like to thank the dozens of companies who have stepped up year after year to make this such a great event. They are giving their time and efforts for all of you, many on their own time.

Of course our ability to host this event would not be possible without the board and volunteers of Our Heroes Fund. Without these people, we would have not been able to bring you this event. Again, thank you for participating in the 2024 Connecticut SWAT Challenge. We hope that you find it to be a valuable training tool for your team and department.

Best Regards and Good Luck,

Capt. (Ret) Jeremy Clark

Connecticut SWAT Challenge Director

Lt. (Ret) Chris Chappell

Connecticut SWAT Challenge Co-Director



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2024 Schedule of Events

Day #1: Monday 08/12/2024

- 0800-1700 Tactical Rescue Challenge-Hartford Gun Club/Off Site (leaving HGC at 1030)
1300-1630 Team Tent Set-Up
1300-1630 Sponsor/Vendor Check-In @ HQ Tent Hartford Gun Club 157 South Main St East Granby CT
1730-2030 FIRST SPEAR TRC Awards at Marriott Hotel 28 Day Hill Rd Windsor CT
1800-2100 POINTBLANK CSC SWAT Social Mixer Kick Off @ Marriott Hotel 28 Day Hill RD Windsor

Day #2: Tuesday 08/13/2024

- 0630-Done Sponsor/Vendor Check-In @ HQ Tent
0700-0700 Team Arrival, mandatory check in (EVERY TEAM, every guy on TEAM)
0800-1600 VENDOR SHOW DAY 1
0900-1130 ARC'TERYX TOP COP
1130-1430 COLT CUP Combined Open Rifle/ WALTHER Combined Open Handgun Shoot
1100-1200 Team Commander Check-In, rules briefing, meeting @Hartford Gun Club Indoor Range House
1300-1600 AIMPOINT Team Event #1
1130-1230 RESTAURANT DEPOT CSC Lunch-Free to TEAM competitors
1730-2100 Lenco Meet & Greet Dinner Marriott Hotel 28 Day Hill RD MANDATORY 2 per team ONLY

Day #2: Wednesday 08/14/2024

- 0700 -0700 Team Mandatory Arrival and Sign in at HQ Tent**
0800-0830 Opening Ceremonies and Opening Remarks-
0800-1600 Vendor Show Day #2
0830-1200 Event #2-MILE HIGH SHOOTING CHALLENGE HGC Rifle Range
0830-1200 Event #3-JUREK BROTHERS CHALLENGE 50 yard Range
1130-1300 RESTAURANT DEPOT Opening Day Lunch-Free to TEAM competitors and SPONSORS
1300-1630 Event #4-SAMSON MANUFACTURING PRECISION CHALLENGE-HGC 50 Yard Range
1300-1630 Event #5-CTS NEVER QUIT CHALLENGE- Rifle Range
1800-2100 5.11 TACTICAL SWAT SOCIAL DINNER@Almost Famous Brewery 17 Kripes RD East Granby, CT

Day #3: Thursday 08/15/2024:

- 0615-0615 Team Mandatory Arrival and Sign-In**
0630-0645 EVENT #6 LAST SHADOW Mystery Event Walk through- 2 REPS PER TEAM@OFF SITE
0645-1145 Event #6- LAST SHADOW Mystery Challenge OFF SITE
1215-1230 Mandatory Captain's Meeting – PT Site HGC @HQ Tent
1300-1600 Event #7- SALOMON GAUNTLET PT Challenge@HGC
1700-2000 CRYE PRECISION CSC Championship Awards Presentation-West Hartford Town Hall 50 South Main Street 4th floor Banquet Room

Connecticut SWAT Challenge

August 13 – 15, 2024

The Connecticut SWAT Challenge Team once again welcomes you to Connecticut SWAT Challenge to be held on August 13- 15, 2024. This year, events will be held at locations in East Granby. All the shooting events will be at our new home, the Hartford Gun Club. Without the support of this organization, the event would cease to be what it is.

It has long been realized that cooperative training among SWAT Teams within the region is beneficial and productive. The goal of this competition is to develop working relationships and open lines of communication between the tactical teams from across the Northeast.

The Connecticut SWAT Challenge will consist of 10 events over three days. There will be individual events like the Walther Open handgun, Colt Cup rifle Challenge, along with “Top First Responder” on Tuesday August 13th, as well as the team events Wednesday the 14th/Thursday the 15th

Recognizing a void in regular training for tactical EMS training, we are once again offering a Tactical Rescue Course. For teams that do not have Tactical Medical capabilities as part of their team, this is an excellent opportunity to train officers to meet this growing need in the tactical community.

The seven team events will include:

- **Mile High Shoot The Lights Out Challenge**
- **Last Shadow Coming In Hard Mystery Challenge**
- **Aimpoint Wake Up and Smell the Coffee Challenge**
- **Better to be a Jurek Brother Than a Jerk Challenge**
- **Samson Manufacturing Precision Challenge**
- **CTS Never Quit Challenge**
- **Salomon PT Challenge**

The other events:

- **First Spear Tactical Rescue Challenge (Monday Pre-Reg Team)**
- **Colt Cup Open Rifle (Tuesday register on site Tuesday am)**
- **Walther Open Handgun (Tuesday register on site Tuesday am)**
- **Arc’Teryx Top First Responder (Tuesday 0900, Pre-Reg, Individual-also do both shoots)**
- **Point Blank CSC SWAT Social Kick Off Mixer (Monday night at Marriott)**
- **Lenco Meet and Greet (Tuesday night at Marriott, team commander+1 per team)**
- **5.11 Tactical SWAT Brewhouse Social (Wednesday night, whole team, Almost Famous Brewery)**
- **Crye Precision CSC Championship Dinner (Thur night, West Hartford Town Hall, whole team)**



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Range Safety



All of our firearms challenges are head to head. This in turn means that two teams will be on the same range, firing in their own lanes at the same time. While this is sure to create more pressure and greater competition, it also becomes paramount to adhere to every basic firearm safety rule. SWAT Officers will invariably be “down range” while the other team is in their lane firing. The range will be split in half and clearly marked with fences, tape and with painted lines. We must require that each operator point their weapons down their own range and never laser across into their opponents range. **We will also demand that when moving down range, ALL guns will be verified empty, with magazines removed. This will be referred to as “Clear, Safe”,** which every operator will yell prior to moving to their next firing point. **The Safety Officer assigned to that team will give the “Move” command for the SWAT Operator to move forward.** The SWAT Operators will not break their position of fire UNTIL they have been deemed “clear/safe” by the range safety officer. As SWAT Officers, muzzle discipline and trigger control are basic tenants that we all should have mastered. However, we will have a clearly marked safety Cadre that will be the sole and ultimate arbiter of safety, as well as determining who violates these safety regulations. Our ranges are not extraordinary in width, so the ultimate responsibility lies with those of you that are shooting. The Team Captain running with his team will also ensure all safety standards are met, no exceptions. Be safe, follow the directions of your safety officers and always stay in your range in regards to targets and shot selection.

We want to ensure a challenging and intense competition, but safety comes first. We do not want to enforce penalties or worse yet, disqualify anyone, but we will not allow any unsafe actions on the range or in the on deck area. We also ask that the Captains and Coaches assist us in ensuring that your operators are obeying all firearm and range safety rules. We remind all of you that most of the Safety Cadre are Firearms Instructors with years of SWAT and Police experience. Treat them and their instructions accordingly and with respect. We thank you in advance.



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Venue Rules



Much of the success that we have experienced is due to the outstanding support we have received from a number of organizations and groups. Without their cooperation in letting us use their sites, we would have a much more difficult time in producing a top flight SWAT Challenge. The Hartford Gun Club has stepped up and interrupted their normal course of business so we can hold all the challenges on their property. But as we all enjoy these sites and the opportunity it provides all of us, we ask you all to keep in mind some simple but important rules regarding conduct and proper behavior while we are on their ranges or land. We also want to remind you that SAFETY is the primary focus of all our events. Remember basic firearms rules when on ranges. Our intent is to return these sites to the same condition, if not better, than when we arrived. We ask for your help in making this happen.

- **NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED ON ANY CSC PROPERTIES OR ON THE PROPERTY OF THE HARTFORD GUN CLUB.** This includes in vehicles. We are guests at the range facilities and obviously alcohol and guns don't mix. Possession of alcohol on the any CSC site will lead to immediate disqualification.
- POLICE up your garbage. Try to keep it as clean as your own yard (or better if you happen to be a slob)
- Use appropriate language and conduct. There will be children, media, and Police Brass, so be professional and represent all SWAT members as the best of the best.
- If you have a question, ask the Judges/Officials. We will be clearly dressed in Red Shirts. Scores are final as soon as Judge and Captain sign them. Official renders a decision, it is FINAL.
- We ask Team Captains to pass on the fact that the lunch and the awards ceremony dinner are for the **LISTED SWAT CHALLENGE PARTICIPANTS ONLY!!** Our caterer is prepared for them only. Other guests or non-participating Officers will have to make other arrangements.
- Mingle with the other SWAT Teams and Sponsors and Vendors.
- If ANY member of your team posts a picture or comment of a negative, disparaging or offensive nature, your TEAM IS AUTOMATICALLY DQ'd.
- This year, 6 and ONLY 6 Operators for PT Challenge and no members of your team can be outside the clearly articulated viewing area
- PLEASE plan on spending time in the Vendor's Tent where the vendors are putting their products out for you all to handle. These are done for all of you and are very useful and fun to watch. **Don't go and hide in your SWAT van and only come out for your events**
- **SPIRIT OF THE COMPETITION CLAUSE: The event and every challenge in it, shooting, PT or scenarios are meticulously planned out and made for realistic training. If you or your team competitors opt to try and "game" an event (shortcut, "well it didn't say we couldn't", etc.) and in the judges eyes or after review, the Directors feel it violated the SOTC, your team will receive a last place finish in that event. Closed, end of story, no appeal.**
- Lastly, have FUN. Have a great attitude and drive on as there will surely be moments where you will be frustrated or exhausted, or both! But as you finish this Challenge we hope that you will all be better off for competing and better off in your dangerous roles as SWAT Officers. Train hard, stay safe, and GOOD LUCK



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Sponsor and Vendor Recognition

All of us here at the Connecticut SWAT Challenge would like to thank the sponsors and vendors who have come to support the SWAT Community here in the Northeast. Unquestionably, these companies are the best in the world at equipping and outfitting Police and SWAT Officers. We are very fortunate to have enlisted these companies in our Challenge. Their support and generosity is unparalleled in any SWAT competition in the United States. These companies and their representatives have traveled from near and far to meet all of the SWAT Teams and Operators in this event. Their sole goal is to show their wares that make our lives as SWAT Officers easier and less dangerous.

Each year, we have attempted to bring the best sponsors and vendors to our event. Without question, 2024 will reflect just how far we have come. But as we have grown each year and improved our quality, we realize that much of this is due to the contributions of the sponsors and vendors. To see the list of prizes that they have donated is nothing short of astounding. They have donated to all of you some of the most technologically advanced products on the market today. Equally impressive is the fact that they have made the time to spend three days in this small state speaking to all of you, showing you their products and making the connections that will pay dividends throughout the upcoming years.

One of our main priorities was not only to attract then best companies, but to bring in the best people. To a person, the company representatives that are chosen to attend this event are first class in every way. These are the people that we should all get to know. We want bonds to be formed and connections to be made. By connecting SWAT and Police Officers with the best companies that outfit us, we hope throughout the rest of the year all of you maintain these relationships that benefit all of us.

In closing, we again want to offer our deepest appreciation to our lifeblood, the sponsors and vendors. We here at the Connecticut SWAT Challenge believe in loyalty. With that in mind, our goal is to have each sponsor and vendor return every year to the Connecticut SWAT Challenge. It is with your cooperation and support that the Connecticut SWAT Challenge has reached the level it has. For the entire SWAT Community, our hats are off to all of you. Thank you!!!



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Scoring



Scoring for each event is time based. There are time bonuses and penalties that can be assigned if the event goals are not accomplished. The bonuses and penalties for each event will be detailed during the event briefing. Each event will be scored independently, ranking teams based on performance for the event.

To assure fairness in scoring, West Hartford SWAT will develop scoring criteria with the event coordinators. Every event is time based. It is very important for team leaders to pay close attention during each event briefing. Each briefing will detail the tasks that need completing and how each event is scored. The organizing committee has final say as to any challenges that may result in any of the events. To determine the SWAT Challenge winner, the ranking for each event will be totaled, the team with the lowest score winning. Ties will be determined by finish in the PT Challenge Event.

The following is an example of the scoring process:

	<u>Team 1</u>	<u>Team 2</u>
Sniper Challenge	3	5
Handgun Course	8	11
Hostage Rescue	12	7
Multi Gun Challenge	4	7
Six Man Challenge	16	20
Mystery Event	20	1
SWAT PT Challenge	12	13
Total Score:	75	64

Team 2 would win with a lower total score, even though team 1 beat team 2 in 4 of the 6 events.

2024 CT SWAT CHALLENGE

Physical Fitness Challenge

NEW RULE: IF ANY INDIVIDUAL ON YOUR TEAM, AGENCY, FAMILY OR FRIENDS ON THE PT COURSE (WHICH NOBODY CAN GO PAST THE PART WE OPEN FOR THE PUBLIC) HECKLE, INSULT, YELL AT OR OTHERWISE DISRESPECT STAFF, VOLUNTEERS OR CADRE FAMILY, YOUR TEAM WILL BE DQ'D FROM THAT EVENT AND AT THE DISCRETION OF THE DIRECTORS, DQ'D FROM WHOLE EVENT SO MAKE SURE YOUR TEAM AND YOUR ATTENDEES KNOW THAT

The final event in the 2024 Connecticut SWAT Challenge is the PT Challenge. This event has single-handedly changed the way SWAT teams train for fitness and has raised the standard for being in shape. This course will test the physical strength, endurance and determination of every operator. More importantly, it will test each team's ability to work together as a team and pull each other through the course.

The course is approximately 3.4 miles of wooded terrain. Scattered across the course are numerous testing stations designed to test the fitness, skill and problem solving abilities of each team. Teams must start and finish the course together. Teams must stay together the entire course (no separating). Teams can assist other teams if they want to, but no outside help from spectators or non-competing teammates is allowed. Each station will have judges who will explain the event in detail to each team.

"The difference between combat and sport is that in combat you bury the guy who comes in second place"

Anonymous U.S. Navy Seals

EVERY TEAM MEMBER WHO CAME TO CSC MUST COMPETE IN THE PT CHALLENGE. ROSTERS AND ID'S WILL BE CHECKED

PT PACKING LIST:

- Camel back hydration packs (a lot of water)
- Gas masks
- 1 pair of handcuffs per person-can be flex cuffs
- 1 handcuff key per person
- 1 team flag with the team's name on it (size 3'X2')
- 2 wrist watch per team that has a stop watch (team captain)
- 1 52lb Kettlebell, 40lb sandbag filled with rubber pellets, 35 lb smashball

CLOTHING:

- Team T-shirt must be all the same color and preferably with team name on it-BRIGHT RED SHIRT for Team Captain (The TC is the 7th person BUT CANNOT BE COMPETITOR)
- BDU pants
- sneakers or boots
- Gloves

2024 Connecticut SWAT Challenge Special Appreciation

The following companies, organizations, groups or associations were instrumental in bringing to fruition the Connecticut SWAT Challenge. They have dedicated their support and resources to this event, and done it all in the name of supporting the men and women of Law Enforcement and the Military. We offer our deepest thanks to all of them and hope you all as the competing SWAT Operators never forget their commitment to all of us.

THANK YOU

HARTFORD GUN CLUB * * ARDENT DISPLAYS

*** 103 AIR NATIONAL GUARD *BACK ROADS SMOKING BBQ**

WEST HILL AUTO * RESTAURANT DEPOT

COUNTRY DINER * WEST HARTFORD DPW

This year, we would like to dedicate the 2024 Connecticut SWAT Challenge to all of the families of past and present SWAT Officers and military personnel who have sacrificed so much to allow us to create and run this event. The time they have put in, the work they have accomplished with us gone, the voids they have filled to allow us to complete this mission are often unseen and unappreciated. But our families are the backbone of our world and we couldn't or wouldn't be able to provide this training to all of you without their support and love. All of us know exactly how much they have sacrificed to make the Connecticut SWAT Challenge a success, and we just hope all of you know as well.

2024 CSC FINAL EQUIPMENT LIST (SEE ABOVE FOR PT GEAR)

- 1. Full Call out gear (Body armor/Plate Carrier with ONE plate in rear), ESU duty belt, Rifle, handgun(RIFLE MUST HAVE SLING), mags (3 of each), gas mask, helmet, long sleeve BDU/Pants NO SHORTS EVEN FOR PT**
- 2. Ear Pro, Eye Pro**
- 3. 100/100 rifle handgun rounds per operator**
- 4. Cell Phone**
- 5. Tactical Footwear, sneakers for PT only**
- 6. Water bottle**
- 7. 1 Sniper rifle per team minimum**
- 8. Handcuffs, key**
- 9. Writing instrument**
- 10. Guns can have any optic you use duty**

MAKE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND THE SPIRITY OF THE COMPETITION CLAUSE BECAUSE IT APPLIES TO EVERYTHING.....THIS IS TRAINING WITH SCORING, NOT A COMP TO SEE WHO CAN GAME THE BEST.

SEE WHO IS ACTUALLY READING THIS.....ALL WAIVERS ARE NOW ELECTRONIC AND LINK AND QR CODE IS ON OUR WEB SITE WITH NAME TRACING SO IF YOUR ENTIRE TEAM IS NOT IN THE ELECTRONIC WAIVER DATABASE BY MONDAY 0800, THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COMPETE IN ANY EVENT