

# CONNECTICUT SWAT CHALLENGE

## Captain's Book

2022



**“Where the Best come to Compete”**



**As creators of the Connecticut SWAT Challenge,** we are proud to welcome you to the 18th year of the Connecticut SWAT Challenge. This year, teams from all over the Country and over 100 companies will be represented at the CSC, making this the best CSC ever. 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 as well as the support of West Hartford Police Chief Vernon Riddick. Without these people, we would have not been able to bring you this event. Again, thank you for participating in the 2022 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. Jeremy Clark

Connecticut SWAT Challenge Director

Lt. (Ret) Chris Chappell



# CT SWAT Challenge

## 2022 Schedule of Events

### Day #1: Monday 08/15/2022

- 0700-1700 Tactical Rescue Challenge-Hartford Gun Club  
1200-1400 Team Tent Set-Up  
1400-1600 Sponsor/Vendor Check-In @ HQ Tent Hartford Gun Club 157 South Main St East  
Granby CT  
1800-2000 TRC Awards casual at Marriott Hotel 28 Day Hill Rd Windsor CT  
1800-2100 Crye Precision CSC SWAT Social Mixer Kick Off @ Marriott Hotel 28 Day Hill RD  
Windsor – BRIAN A ATTEND NO FORMAL SPEAKING

### Day #2: Tuesday 08/16/2022

- 0600-Done Sponsor/Vendor Check-In @ HQ Tent  
0700-0800 Colt Cup Open Rifle AND Walther Open Handgun Shoot Registration (first come/serve)  
0800-1600 VENDOR SHOW DAY 1  
0900-1100 OPEN RIFLE AND OPEN HANDGUN SHOOT  
0900-1130 VERTX TOP COP Event  
1030-1330 TOP SNIPER SHOOT  
1230- 1300 Team Commander Check-In (Every Team must register) @Hartford Gun Club Indoor  
Range House- BRIAN A ATTEND, SHORT INTRO AND 5-10 MINS SPEAKING  
1130-1200 Ment Law Welcome BBQ Lunch-Free to TEAM competitors  
1300-1430 SPONSOR SPAT-Handgun Pits  
1730-2100 LENCO Meet & Greet Dinner Marriott Hotel 28 Day Hill RD MANDATORY 2 per team  
ONLY- BRIAN ABERNATHY KEY NOTE SPEAKER

### Day #2: Wednesday 08/17/2022

- 0700 -0700 Team Mandatory Arrival and Sign in at HQ Tent  
0800-0830 Opening Ceremonies and Opening Remarks Guest Speaker- BRIAN A-KEYNOTE VIP  
SPEAKER, IS OUTSIDE AND KICKS OFF WHOLE TEAM COMP-10 MINS  
0800-1600 Vendor Show Day 2  
0830-1200 Event #1 HGC Indoor Range  
0830-1200 Event #2 HGC Rifle Range  
0830-1200 Event #3 HGC Horseshoe Pits Ranges  
1130-1300 Ment Law Opening Day BBQ-Free to TEAM competitors  
1300-1630 Event #4-HGC Pits Ranges  
1300-1630 Event #5-HGC Rifle Range  
1800-2030 5.11 Tactical Off Site SWAT Dinner@Almost Famous Brewing Company 17 Kripes Rd  
East Granby

### Day #3: Thursday 08/18/2022:

- 0640-0715 Team Mandatory Arrival and Sign at off site TBA  
0715-0745 Mystery Event Walk through-Mandatory for 2 Commanders PER TEAM  
0800-1130 Event #6-Mile High Mystery Challenge OFF SITE TBA  
1130-1200 Travel to PT Site – MDC Reservoir #1 1420 Farmington Avenue West Hartford  
1230-1300 Mandatory Captain's Meeting – PT Site MDC, @HQ Tent  
1300-1630 Event #7-PT Challenge MDC  
1730-2030 ELBIT CSC Championship Awards Presentation-West Hartford Town Hall 50 South Main  
Street 4<sup>th</sup> floor Banquet Room- BRIAN ABERNATHY SPEAKING, 10-15 MINS

## **Our Heroes Fund**

***August 15 – 18, 2022***

The Connecticut SWAT Challenge Team once again welcomes you to Connecticut SWAT Challenge to be held on August 15- 18, 2022. This year, events will be held at locations in East Granby, South Windsor and West Hartford. All the shooting events will be at our new home, the Hartford Gun Club. Without the support of these organizations, 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 Open handgun, rifle, and sniper competitions along with the “Top Cop”, as well as the team events Wednesday and Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

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:**

- **Brrrrr Challenge**
- **Last Shadow Hog Hunt Challenge**
- **Shocking Challenge**
- **Yankee Hill Machine Tactical Rifle Challenge**
- **Mile High Mystery Challenge**
- **Aimpoint Indoor Challenge**
- **Arcteryx/Solomon PT Challenge**

### **The other events:**

- **North American Rescue Tactical Rescue Challenge (Monday Pre-Reg Team)**
- **Colt Cup Open Rifle (Tuesday 0900, Individual, register on site Tuesday am)**
- **Walther Open Handgun (Tuesday 0900, individual, register on site Tuesday am)**
- **Vertex Top Cop (Tuesday 0900, Pre-Reg, Individual-also do both shoots)**

- **HARTFORD GUN CLUB-157 SOUTH MAIN STREET EAST GRANBY CT CSC EVENT HQ**
- **MDC RESERVOIR #1 1420 FARMINGTON AVE WEST HARTFORD CT: (Thursday PM)**



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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.



# CT SWAT Challenge

## 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. It is with that in mind that we would like to identify four specific groups that have been kind enough to let us use their facilities both last year and this year. The Hartford Gun Club, MDC and the West Hartford Police Department have all stepped up and interrupted their normal course of business so we can hold specific 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. Here are some basic things to remember and pass on to your team as they come to the 2022 Connecticut SWAT Challenge.

- **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.
- Do not use the wood line as a bathroom. We have port-o-potties at the venues for the competitors and visitors to use.
- 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. WE are there to serve you but once an 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. The best feedback we got was that the event last year created friendships and alliances that have carried over to the SWAT World. This will likely be the biggest gathering of Tactical Officers most of you will ever get to be associated with at one specific time and place. Use that time wisely.
- 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**
- Lastly, have FUN. This is your event and it will be as good as you can make it. Have a great attitude and drive on as there will surely be moments where you will be frustrated or exhausted, or both. This is our intent! 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! Thanks to all of you for coming out and making this event the success it is!



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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, 2022 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>
<b>Sniper Challenge</b>	3	5
<b>Handgun Course</b>	8	11
<b>Hostage Rescue</b>	12	7
<b>Multi Gun Challenge</b>	4	7
<b>Six Man Challenge</b>	16	20
<b>Mystery Event</b>	20	1
<b>SWAT PT Challenge</b>	12	13
<b>Total Score:</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>64</b>

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

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## Physical Fitness Challenge

The final event in the 2022 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 5 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 35-36 pound Kettlebell, 45lb sandbag, 35 lb smashball
- 1 water proof zip lock map holder
- 1 #2 Pencil

### **CLOTHING:**

- Team T-shirt
- BDU pants
- sneakers or boots
- Gloves \*\*\*\*\***MANDATORY**\*\*\*\*\*

# **2022 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 \* MDC \* ARDENT DISPLAYS**

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES \* 103 AIR NATIONAL GUARD**

**WEST HILL AUTO \* CT AIR NATIONAL GUARD \***

**COUNTRY DINER \* WEST HARTFORD DPW**

**TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD \***

**This year, we would like to dedicate the 2022 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.**

Wednesday Morning EVENT 1- LR		Wednesday Morning EVENT 1- LR	
830	ARMY RANGERS 75TH	830	CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE
845	ARMY NATIONAL GUARD 192MP	845	MILFORD CT
900	BORTAC FEDERAL	900	CREST REGIONAL CT
915	HAMDEN CT	915	HARTFORD CT
930	MASSACHUSETTS STATE POLICE	930	NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL CT
945	ORLANDO FL	945	ARMY RANGERS 3/75
1000	ARMY NATIONAL GUARD 382MP	1000	BRIDGEPORT CT
1015	BERKSHIRE COUNTY REGIONAL MA	1015	SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL CT
1030	WARWICK RI	1030	CENTRAL REGIONAL CT
1045	MIDDLETOWN CT	1045	ARMY NATIONAL GUARD 102ND
1100	SUFFOLK COUNTY NY	1100	WEST HARTFORD CT
1115	WEST HAVEN CT	1115	CEMLEC REGIONAL MA
1130	SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CT	1130	AIR NATIONAL GUARD 103SF
1145	STAMFORD CT	1145	NEW HAVEN CT

Wednesday Morning EVENT 2- PIT		Team members are split between events 2 & 3	
830	WEST HAVEN CT	830	SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL CT
845	WARWICK RI	845	ARMY NATIONAL GUARD 102ND
900	SUFFOLK COUNTY NY	900	CENTRAL REGION CT
915	WEST HARTFORD CT	915	MIDDLETOWN CT
930	CEMLEC REGIONAL MA	930	STAMFORD CT
945	SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CT	945	NEW HAVEN CT
1000	ARMY RANGERS 75TH	1000	MILFORD CT
1015	ARMY NATIONAL GUARD 192MP	1015	AIR NATIONAL GUARD 103SF
1030	BORTAC FEDERAL	1030	CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE
1045	CREST REGIONAL CT	1045	MASSACHUSETTS STATE POLICE
1100	ORLANDO FL	1100	HARTFORD CT
1115	ARMY RANGERS 3/75	1115	HAMDEN CT
1130	NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL CT	1130	ARMY NATIONAL GUARD 382MP
1145	BERKSHIRE COUNTY REGIONAL MA	1145	BRIDGEPORT CT

Wednesday Morning EVENT 3- Indoor		Team members are split between events 2 & 3	
830	WEST HAVEN CT	830	SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL CT
845	WARWICK RI	845	ARMY NATIONAL GUARD 102ND INF
900	SUFFOLK COUNTY NY	900	CENTRAL REGION CT
915	WEST HARTFORD CT	915	MIDDLETOWN CT
930	CEMLEC REGIONAL MA	930	STAMFORD CT
945	SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CT	945	NEW HAVEN CT
1000	ARMY RANGERS 75TH	1000	MILFORD CT
1015	ARMY NATIONAL GUARD 192MP	1015	AIR NATIONAL GUARD 103SF
1030	BORTAC FEDERAL	1030	CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE
1045	CREST REGIONAL CT	1045	MASSACHUSETTS STATE POLICE
1100	ORLANDO FL	1100	HARTFORD CT
1115	ARMY RANGERS 3/75	1115	HAMDEN CT
1130	NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL CT	1130	ARMY NATIONAL GUARD 382MP
1145	BERKSHIRE COUNTY REGIONAL MA	1145	BRIDGEPORT CT

Wednesday EVENT 4- LR		Wednesday EVENT 4- LR	
1300	MILFORD CT	1300	MASSACHUSETTS STATE POLICE
1315	ORLANDO FL	1315	NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL CT
1330	SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL CT	1330	BORTAC FEDERAL
1345	MIDDLETOWN CT	1345	WEST HAVEN CT
1400	CENTRAL REGION CT	1400	WEST HARTFORD CT
1415	NEW HAVEN CT	1415	WARWICK RI
1430	ARMY NATIONAL GUARD 102ND	1430	CREST REGIONAL CT
1445	SUFFOLK COUNTY NY	1445	BRIDGEPORT CT
1500	BERKSHIRE COUNTY REGIONAL MA	1500	ARMY NATIONAL GUARD 382MP
1515	STAMFORD CT	1515	SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CT
1530	ARMY RANGERS 75TH	1530	ARMY NATIONAL GUARD 192MP
1545	AIR NATIONAL GUARD 103SF	1545	ARMY RANGERS 3/75
1630	HAMDEN CT	1630	CEMLEC REGIONAL MA
1645	CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE	1645	HARTFORD CT

Wednesday Afternoon EVENT 5 - PIT		Wednesday Afternoon EVENT 5 - PIT	
1300	HAMDEN CT	1300	BRIDGEPORT CT
1315	ARMY NATIONAL GUARD 382MP	1315	SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CT
1330	AIR NATIONAL GUARD 103SF	1330	SUFFOLK COUNTY NY
1345	STAMFORD CT	1345	ARMY NATIONAL GUARD 192MP
1400	CEMLEC REGIONAL MA	1400	ARMY RANGERS 3/75
1415	ARMY RANGERS 75TH	1415	NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL CT
1430	CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE	1430	MASSACHUSETTS STATE POLICE
1445	WEST HAVEN CT	1445	BORTAC FEDERAL
1500	HARTFORD CT	1500	MIDDLETOWN CT
1515	SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL CT	1515	MILFORD CT
1530	ORLANDO FL	1530	ARMY NATIONAL GUARD 102ND
1545	WARWICK RI	1545	CREST REGIONAL CT
1630	CENTRAL REGION CT	1630	BERKSHIRE COUNTY REGIONAL
1645	NEW HAVEN CT	1645	WEST HARTFORD CT