



COURSE SELECTIONS

TRAINING YOU & YOUR MOUNT



SPECIALIZING IN:

- **Desensitization & Obstacles**
- **Drill & Parade Formations**
- **Search & Rescue**
- **Creating/Implementing a Mounted Unit**
- **Mounted Law Enforcement Academies**

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POLICIES

PRICING

Each clinic's price is determined based on the following factors: location, course curriculum, number of participants and any facility rental charges (if applicable). The base prices listed in this catalog are for clinics within a 60 mile radius to Grass Lake, MI. There is a \$1.00/per mile fee (round-trip) added to the base price for locations beyond the first 60 miles. There are a couple different options we can work with—

- Option #1—We charge per participant and cover our own expenses, as outlined above.
- Option #2—We charge a flat fee to the host, plus expenses, and the host works the pricing as needed. Our expenses include travel time, fuel, any fees incurred prior to or during travel (highway tolls/border crossing fees) & lodging. Though we prefer a hotel room, we would consider staying at the hosting location.

ADDITIONAL FEES

Stalls—It is the hosting location's decision to offer stalls, charge & collect the fee from the participants. It is suggested that you charge "X" amount if the stall is stripped before departure and "X++" if they are left "as is".

ADVERTISING

MMA will provide the flyer layout for distribution, along with posters and a suggested press release for the local and statewide papers to assist the host in generating as much publicity as possible. In addition, we will list the hosting facility on our website with their provided logo at NO ADDITIONAL CHARGE. This equates to FREE ADVERTISING FOR THE HOST FARM/FACILITY.

CANCELLATION

In the event that a clinic is cancelled or a participant is unable to attend due to extenuating circumstances, MMA will retain the tuition as a credit toward another clinic. If a participant is unable to attend, prior communications must be made or the tuition will be forfeited.

FUTURE CLASSES

DRILL & PARADE FORMATIONS

Is your group's desire to stand out amongst the crowd during a parade? Are you looking for neat ideas and movements to add to your routine? In this class you will learn the basic moves, their names and the concept of how to combine each movement into a fluid exhibition of your group's expertise. **6–8 Hours, \$60.00**



EQUINE THEFT PREVENTION & RECOVERY, PLUS DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Steps that can be taken to help safeguard and identify your horse. How to prepare for a disaster. What to do next in the event your horse is stolen or missing. **Hours & Price TBD.**

LARGE ANIMAL RESCUE

How would you propose rescuing a horse that is trapped and possibly injured? What are you going to do when you're out trail riding, only to have the ground give way & your horse sink in a mucky bog? This class will teach you some of the basics on how to calm an excitable, unpredictable large animal and how to stabilize their condition & situation until assistance can arrive. **Hours & Price TBD.**



TRAIL SAFETY & DEFENSIVE RIDING

This clinic will concentrate on developing and honing the skills necessary to ward off a hostile attempt of taking you or your horse. You will learn both offensive tactics & defensive maneuvers. Additionally, we will outline the suggested items to pack/carry with you on your rides & how to effectively use them to further ensure your safety. **4–6 Hours, \$50.00**

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SPECIALIZING IN DESENSITIZATION &

ABOUT US

Rick & Suzanne Howard of Grass Lake, Michigan are the owners and operators of Michigan Mounted Associates, LLC, which is a company offering training for you and your mount to overcome the stressful situations your horse encounters.



As a retired Captain of the Jackson County Sheriff's Mounted Division, Rick has been de-stressing and de-spooking mounted police horses for 17 years. Now, after all the years of training police horses, he is offering the same kind of training to other units and civilians.

Rick isn't alone in this venture. His wife, Suzanne, a former Sergeant with the Jackson Sheriff's Mounted Division, also offers quality instruction, bringing several years of horse training experience. In addition, she has an integral role in the public relations, advertising, website design and scheduling of clinics. "It takes two of us to get things done and get them done right. We don't want people to go away unhappy."

For many years, Rick and Suzanne have been offering training clinics to any horse and rider that wanted to participate. The primary goal of the clinic is for each horse and rider to gain confidence with each other, taking their comfort zone to the next level.

As MMA has gone to different venues to promote their business, they've been well-received and people are interested in hosting a clinic at their own farm.

In an attempt to satisfy the requests submitted, they are now taking more of their clinics on the road and may be in an area near you. If you are interested in attending or hosting a clinic, please contact Suzanne at (517)-795-9332.

WHY PARTICIPATE?

Be it rigid stress training, mock scenarios, or simply a competitive trail ride, we are sure to promote a bond between horse & rider. This bond instills the confidence needed to overcome almost any adversity thrown your way. During these sessions, we will be desensitizing your mount, both visual & audio. We will be working with smoke bombs, flares, patrol cars, and anything else

ADVANCED TRAINING ACADEMY

As a prerequisite to participating in this class, you will need to have already successfully completed our intermediate class or provide certification of an equivalent course from another mounted police training school. You will also need to have a "deep seat and far-away-look" or bring some Velcro—your choice.

This class will consist of long hours & rigorous work—both mentally and physically, split between day and night sessions.

- Mounted police techniques
- Interviewing while mounted

- Approaching suspects and proper positioning
- Defensive tactics & disengagement techniques
- Hand cuffing & proper police escorting
- Civil disorder & crowd control training
- Crowd control scenarios—day & night
- Desensitization & Obstacles—both day & night
- Mounted police movement at night, keeping safety in mind

FOUR-DAY CLASS



APPROX. 32 HRS.
\$ 300.00

INTERMEDIATE TRAINING ACADEMY

If you have event policing in mind, then this is the perfect course for you. Whether working with other units within your department or other mounted units, everyone needs to be on the same page.

Preparation is a key element for all. Are you ready for a natural disaster, a terrorist attack, possibly requiring an extended tour of duty? Let's find out...

- Mounted police techniques—on patrol
- Drill & parade formations
- Mounted police equipment—special tack
- Defensive riding techniques & Trail safety
- Vices & reactions for the mounted officer
- Desensitization & Obstacles
- Welfare—Officers and mounts



- Crowd control scenarios
- Mounted police movement—night patrol
- Event policing—working with other departments
- **THREE-DAY CLASS**



**APPROX. 24 HRS.
\$ 225.00**

MOUNTED POLICE TECHNIQUES

that might cause panic—if even for a moment.

Mounted Units...

These challenges will not only improve the level of skill between horse & rider, they also form a more well-rounded unit. Teamwork is an essential key. You are only as strong as your weakest mount.

Confidence between horse & rider builds upon the confidence of the unit. None of us want to be placed in a position that makes us feel ill-prepared; neither do our mounts. There is always a sense of security in numbers. This is heightened more with confident officers & mounts functioning as one.

Civilians...

Is your pleasure ride not quite what you were hoping for—sudden sidestepping to avoid a scary object, complete refusal to move forward, jumping the “white-water-rapids” of a stream or rearing and bolting in the direction from which you came? Is your show horse excellent during training, but on edge entering & performing in front of a large, clapping, cheering crowd? Or, are you planning on selling your horse in the future? THEN COME JOIN US!!!

We strive to condition your mount to extreme challenges, assisting you in moving them along toward being more confident, willing and compliant with most types of “hazards”. Upon completion of a course, you will not only be rewarded with a calmer, “trustworthy steed”, but also with a “Certificate of Completion” for yourself. Or, if your intention is to sell your horse, you may also add their name to your Certificate as an excellent marketing tool.

With over 50 years combined experience in the mounted law enforcement field, we can effectively and expeditiously train you & your mount or unit. It's important to keep in mind that the courses offered will not fix all your problems. Though your mount may prevail, it is your dedication and perseverance that will conquer.



OUR PLANS

NEW CLASSES & SPECIALIZED TRAINING OFFERED

MMA is excited to announce that several new classes have been added to the course offerings. Some of the highly anticipated classes are:

- Drill & Parade Formations
- Equine Theft Prevention & Recovery, plus Disaster Preparedness (Coming Soon)
- Large Animal Rescue (Coming Soon)
- Search & Rescue
- Trail Safety & Defensive Riding

We have also combined & expanded upon our Desensitization & Obstacles clinics to ensure that they are packed full of challenging scenarios for a fun-filled adventure—day or night.

The Academies, once reserved only for the mounted law enforcement, are now being opened up to the public sector. So, if you have been contemplating a career in the mounted law enforcement community or just curious if you could stand up to the types of adversity they are subjected to, here is the opportunity to test your skills.

To compliment our clinics, we have extended our services to include specialized training at our location to better prepare your mount to various scenarios and conditions. You specify the problem areas to be addressed and we will strive to conquer them. We offer hourly rates, one-week and two-week sessions; and can accommodate for longer durations.

For those of you whose busy schedule doesn't permit you to attend a clinic, who feel it would be more beneficial for us to provide the targeted training or who merely feel uncomfortable challenging your horse yourself, here's your chance.

Please contact us for details.



BASIC TRAINING ACADEMY

This course has been designed for the new mounted officer. Topics range from grooming the police horse, proper conduct, going on patrol, to preparing your new mounted officer and their horse to meet the public.

Our goal, through proper training and practice, is to assist your unit with exceeding everyone's expectations; not just meeting them.

- Stable safety & management
- Grooming the police horse
- Accident prevention & safety



- About the mounted police officer
- Tacking-up & Trail safety
- Riding instruction for the mounted officer
- Drill formations—Are you parade ready?
- Defensive riding
- Street conduct—on patrol
- Desensitization & Obstacles
- **TWO-DAY CLASS**



APPROX. 16 HRS.
\$150.00

SEARCH & RESCUE

This SAR class is devoted to the mounted people involved in Search & Rescue and to those who are interested in SAR. MMA's SAR course is made up from time in the field and sources such as NASAR and MSAR.



This class will guide you step-by-step through the various SAR practices accepted nationwide.

- Introduction to mounted Search & Rescue
- SAR management system—orientation to the incident command system
- SAR resources
- Search philosophy
- Search tactics
- Search operations
- Communications
- Predicting lost person's behavior
- Mock scenarios—in field training
- **TWO-DAY CLASS**

APPROX. 16 HRS.
\$150.00

CLINIC FUNDAMENTALS

BRINGING A CLINIC TO YOU

Review the current schedule to see if we will already be in your area and to check for open dates. Then, please contact us with a few dates for us to choose from, along with the desired types of courses to be taught, and we will make every effort to oblige your request.

The only requirement is an arena, which could be a fenced-in outdoor paddock. The preferred arena size is 80' x 100'. You may want to offer stall accommodations if the clinic is lasting more than one day to which you may pass the charge on to each participant.

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So, if you or your friends have access to an arena and would be interested in hosting a clinic, please call us immediately to reserve your desired dates.

CHOOSING THE CLASS CURRICULUM

From classroom to the arena, Michigan Mounted Associates can and will tailor any and all classes to your personal needs—whether we help stress train your mounts for a certain event, set up a search and rescue operation, or simply help out with any problem areas that you may be encountering including, but not limited to, horsemanship, centered riding, and mounted police tactics. Whatever the scenario, we can assemble the right team to help assist you and your mount.

Officers and civilians alike will be given quality instruction and training from well-seasoned mounted instructors and/or departmental certified (MCOLES) instructors. Keeping in mind that our hand-picked instructors have extensive knowledge in law enforcement, combined with many years of experience, we feel that we can meet your needs and exceed your expectations.

The course selections have been broken down and areas to be covered are highlighted. We will adjust our method of training to accommodate your needs, including combining courses.

CREATING/IMPLEMENTING A UNIT

Whether you are SAR, Police or a civilian group looking for something to do, we can assist you in this process. This course is primarily for the command officer or civilian interested in starting a new unit or tweaking the one they already have.

MMA has compiled all the information, from numerous years of experience and agencies nationwide, and is presenting it in an easy-to-follow guidebook. Why spend countless hours reinventing the wheel, especially when you can have all the necessary information available at your fingertips?

So, bring your questions and any concerns on creating, implementing, or revamping your mounted unit. Be prepared for an in-depth discussion and mind-bending session on how to achieve your goals.

- Selecting officers
- Selecting horses
- Rules, regulations & by-laws
- Command staff
- Being a complete self-contained unit
- Financing your unit
- Determine function of the unit
- Working with your Department &



their policies

- "Polishing" a mounted unit
- **ONE-DAY CLASS**

APPROX. 8 HOURS
\$75.00

DESENSITIZATION & OBSTACLES

Before going through any of our Desensitization & Obstacle classes, also known as "BOMBPROOFING", you should first stop and evaluate both you and your horse's strengths and weaknesses, being completely honest with yourself. Then, CHALLENGE YOURSELF!

This course is offered at the beginner through the advanced levels, or any combination thereof. The sensory training will consist of both audio and visual stimuli. We will be working with smoke, flares, sirens and anything else that might cause panic—if even for a moment.

Our goal is to ensure you feel more confident in both of your abilities. This bond instills the confidence needed to overcome almost any adversity thrown your way.

- Banners / Flags / Balloons / Tarps
- Teeter-Totter / Bridges / Ramps / Jumps



- Flares / Smoke / Sirens / Gun-fire
- Jugs of Noise / Stroller / Umbrellas
- "Solid Wall" / "Large Snake" / Small Alleyway

Note: To calculate the rate of a 2-Day class, multiply the 1-Day rate by 1.75

INTERMEDIATE
6-8 HOURS
\$75.00

ADVANCED
8-10 HOURS
\$100.00

ADVANCED (PM)
6-8 HOURS
\$125.00

