

Domain		Criteria	ID
Personal Initiative		Prepared after-action review of an actual incident discussing relevant factors for SWAT operators' role	P-1
Validation	After-action review — a written examination focused on a specific SWAT related incident describing the factors and influences that affected the outcome and the lessons learned		
Comments	<p>Only the sole or principal author may receive credit for this criterion. All prepared papers must cite source material and be presented in an acceptable academic or scientific format.</p> <p>No papers longer than 2,500 words will be considered for credit. Papers will be graded on content, spelling, grammar, citations and coherence</p>	^A 60	Unit of Value
		^B 1	
		^C 75	

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Domain		Criteria	ID
Personal Initiative		Prepared paper discussing relevant factors for SWAT operators' role	P-2
Validation	Position paper — an essay that presents an opinion on a SWAT related topic Point paper — an essay that identifies and explains critical issues on a SWAT related topic without presenting recommendations or criticisms		
Comments	Only the sole or principal author may receive credit for this criterion. All prepared papers must cite source material and be presented in an acceptable academic or scientific format. No papers longer than 2,500 words will be considered for credit Papers will be graded on content, spelling, grammar, citations and coherence	A 60	Unit of Value
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Personal Initiative		Published article on subject	P-3
Validation	<p>A copy of an article featuring or focused on the domain specific subject published in any periodical, newspaper, magazine, or trade journal and authored by candidate on byline.</p> <p>A copy of an article featuring or focused on the domain specific subject published as part of a compendium, handbook, guide book, manual, textbook or reference book listing the candidate on the byline.</p> <p>A maximum of two persons may receive credit for a single article.</p>		
Comments			^A 50
			^B 2
			Unit of Value

This criterion is optional. It is not necessary for a candidate to complete this particular criterion for certification.

Like teaching, writing has proven to be an excellent method for learning a subject because it requires some existing knowledge or research, and then distilling and organizing the material into an understandable format. This criterion recognizes the contribution of gaining knowledge, skills and/or abilities by publishing an article on a specific subject, whether as the sole author, principal author or contributing author.

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Domain		Criteria	ID	
Personal Initiative		Published article on subject (peer reviewed)	P-4	
Validation	<p>A copy of an article featuring or focused on the domain specific subject published in any peer reviewed trade journal or professional magazine and authored by candidate on byline.</p> <p>A copy of an article featuring or focused on the domain specific subject published as part of a peer reviewed compendium, handbook, guide book, manual, textbook or reference book.</p>			
Comments			A 150	Unit of Value
			B 2	

This criterion is optional. It is not necessary for a candidate to complete this particular criterion for certification.

The apex of professional writing is when a manuscript is accepted for publication by a peer reviewed journal. Peer review simply means that one or more subject matter experts have reviewed the manuscript for authenticity, accuracy, currency, readability and other factors. This criterion recognizes the contribution of gaining knowledge, skills and/or abilities by publishing an article on a specific subject, in a peer reviewed publication whether as the sole author, principal author or a contributing author.

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Domain		Criteria	ID
Personal Initiative		Literature Review — Presentation of a paper that focuses on current knowledge and findings, as well as theoretical and methodological contributions on a relevant SWAT topic	P-5
Validation	Paper submitted on a domain specific topic, as approved by the vetting committee, citing source material and summarizing findings supported by no less than five sources.		
Comments	Paper must conform to conventional academic format Subjects may be selected from either an approved list or preapproved by the vetting committee		^A 80
	Units of value awarded for article will vary depending on whether candidate is sole author, principal author or contributing author Literature reviews use secondary sources and do not report new or original experimental work.		^B 2
			^C 100
			Unit of Value

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Research has long been recognized as a valuable method for gaining knowledge, skills and abilities. It not only enhances the expertise of the researcher but contributes to the field by expanding the insight and understanding of others. Accordingly, this criterion recognizes the contribution of research in mastering a particular subject by identifying, organizing and summarizing existing research on the specific role. Candidates seeking to be recognized through this criterion must gain approval of the vetting committee for subject and format. Notwithstanding, the literature review may be in conjunction with an unrelated academic requirement, other formal training, or personal research.

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Domain		Criteria	ID
Personal Initiative		Personal Research — systematic investigation that establishes facts on the domain specific subject	P-6
Validation	<p>Original research on a domain specific subject that conforms to acceptable scientific standards and presented in an academic format</p> <p>A statistical analysis investigating new aspects, correlations, causes, central tendencies or other new information constitutes original research</p> <p>A maximum of five persons may receive credit for a single project.</p>		
Comments	<p>All prepared papers must cite source material, methodology and findings and be presented in an acceptable academic or scientific format</p> <p>Maximum of 5 authors can be awarded credit for the same work</p>	A 200	Unit of Value
		B 1	
		C 160	

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With nearly no exceptions, all expertise begins with and is based upon the experiences, research, writings, opinions and insight of others. These in turn provide new insights and understanding which, in themselves, benefit from investigation. In many cases, some factor became recognized only when it became relevant and so an informed decision was impossible without further research. This criterion recognizes the benefits of conducting original research to determine or verify particular aspects relating to a subject. Likewise, statistical analyses provide a scientific basis for understanding trends, potentials, tendencies, correlations and anomalies related to a specific subject. The candidate may be the sole researcher, principal researcher or contributing researcher to meet this requirement.

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