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WE CAN'T MISS FAST ENOUGH

50% - That's the hostage rescue hit rate of 22 LE snipers shooting from the **standing position off a tripod at 15 yards** on the scenario you see in this video. These LE snipers have been on the job for some time and collectively, they have lots of experience to include attending many different sniper schools throughout their careers. They came from Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Indiana, and even Canada.

Of the 22 snipers, here is the performance break down:

- All choose to take the shot. Nobody decided it was too risky and chose not to shoot.
- 11 hit the bad guy in the cranial vault.
- 10 missed the cranial vault, hitting the bad guy generally in the jaw or neck. In the real-world, this likely results in the death of the hostage in this sort of situation (gun pointed at the hostage's head and finger on the trigger).
- 1 missed completely and hit neither the hostage nor the bad guy creating downrange hazard for their teammates on the perimeter, other innocent people, causes property damage and gives the bad guy more time to do bad things to the hostage.
- 0 hit the hostage.

My takeaway based on this very small sample of 22 LE snipers and 20+ years of watching LE snipers engage this scenario with undocumented, but similar results, is that the LE sniper needs to know that its ok not to shoot, if they are not sure that they can make the hit. This is near and dear to me because as a very young and inexperienced LE sniper, I missed a fast-moving bad guy during an operation and nearly hit my teammates (within inches). I was sickened by my performance and the fact that I had almost seriously wounded or killed my friends. I vowed from that day forward to try my best to influence others not to make the same mistakes.

A second takeaway using this live fire technology is that the LE sniper is apt to take head shots when they are not required as many constantly train by shooting at an 8" x 11" sheets of static paper containing an image of a bad guy while on the static flat range. In the personal story I mentioned above, take a guess where I was stupidly aiming. In this video the cranial vault is obviously required, but in many other scenarios that are not hostage rescue related, and where the bad guy offers their full body, I constantly find myself reminding seasoned LE snipers on their target selection to increase the odds of achieving a hit.

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Respectfully,

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