INTELLIGENCE & HUMINT COLLECTION · INT-08

# INT-08 — Reading Your Ground

*Pattern of life analysis for community intelligence.*

## BOTTOM LINE UP FRONT

Every community has a normal: a rhythm of movement, infrastructure behavior and human activity. Written down, it becomes the group's most powerful intelligence asset. This course teaches four baseline domains, three tools, NOMINAL / AMBER / RED thresholds, cascade chains, and the reports that feed a Community SITREP. An area's pattern, never a person's.

## WHY THIS MATTERS

**You can't report what is wrong until you can say what is right.**

Without a documented baseline, every unusual sight is just a feeling, and after a disaster every damaged system looks equally new. With one, deviations are measurable and the damage picture is ready in the first hour.

> ***Silence is information too: a quiet repeater can matter as much as a busy one.***

## COURSE LESSONS

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| 01 | **Course Introduction: Why Normal Matters.** Baselines first; trained versus untrained observation. |
| 02 | **The Four Baseline Domains.** Human activity, infrastructure, movement, communications. |
| 03 | **Reading the Data: Analytical Tools.** Activity Register, plot sheet, Event Template; thresholds. |
| 04 | **Cascade Indicators.** Three cascade chains and a Cascade Watch List. |
| 05 | **From Observation to Reporting.** Spot Report, Pattern of Life Summary, Community SITREP. |

Five online lessons, in order, with knowledge checks. No prerequisite. Certificate on completion; optional companion guide.

## DOCTRINAL SOURCES

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| FM 34-2-1 | **Recon and Surveillance (1991)** | Event template (Ch. 2); cueing (Ch. 4); incident overlay (Ch. 11) |
| FM 2-22.3 | **HUMINT Collector Ops (2006)** | Pattern analysis; coordinates register; plot sheet (12-40 to 12-42) |
| FEMA | **Community Lifelines** | The infrastructure and lifeline domain |