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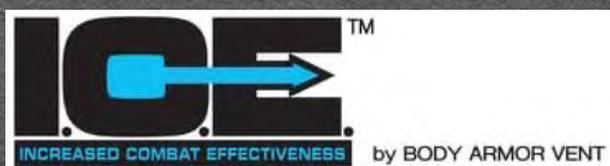


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Ralf Kassner # Wodan Security # Lessons from special operations tactics to counter simultaneous attacks in close protection service - New series - Part 1 of 2



Berlin... 18:03: The first emergency call comes in. A bomb explodes near the entrance of a popular and highly crowded summer festival in the city. Dozens dead. Hundreds injured.

Berlin... 18:06: Incoming reports about several men randomly stabbing passengers in a Berlin city subway station. Simultaneously, videos on social media show attackers stabbing people on the streets of Berlin. It's unclear if the attackers have left the subway or if there is more than one group of attackers.

Berlin... 18:16: Shots fired at the Berlin IMAX cinema complex. More frantic calls flood emergency hotline numbers. A group of armed men have opened fire on the movie-goers. The attackers are everywhere in the building: in the entry hall, on the floors and in the crowded projection rooms.

Berlin... 18:24: A live stream on social media shows a well-known Fortune 500 Company CEO on the stage of a business congress in Berlin. Masked men hold him hostage at gunpoint. He reads a message from a small piece of paper. "... I will be executed within the next 20 minutes to show the world..."

Surely, this attack on Berlin is only hypothetical.

Hypothetical, yes. Impossible? Hardly.



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It could happen. It's not impossible. European jihadist groups have demonstrated again and again that they can plan and conduct complex attacks on our metropolitan areas. They are capable of attacking in multiple groups, using various forms of attack, and they can execute their terror operations nearly simultaneously in different areas of a city.

While our scenario in Berlin was hypothetical, the attacks on London in 2005, Paris in 2015 and Barcelona 2017 were not.

Europe's current threat environment means that we must always be prepared to counter complex scenarios where multiple waves of attacks at separate sites are possible parameters.

We can never ever allow ourselves to underestimate:

1. the situation
2. the dynamic of a situation
3. nor our enemy

But counterterrorism specialists can't only think about large-scale, citywide events. Understanding the principle of "multiple attacks" and "unknown parameters in dynamic situations" also matters for counterterror attacks on a single site event.





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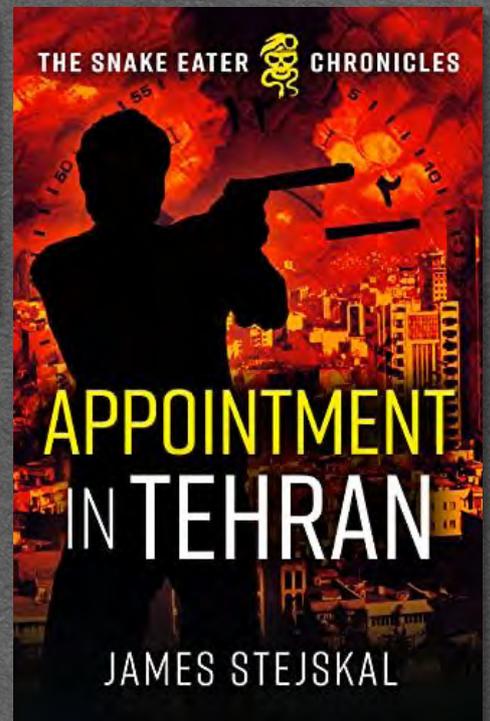


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“From the standing ready position, two rounds—double tap—on your target, and then recover to the ready. Understood? Fire!” Five pistols went off nearly simultaneously as Lindt watched.

“What the...? I said shoot your target, why are your rounds on his target? And where are your rounds? Are you sure you pulled the trigger?”

Lindt was relentless in his critique. Even if you got all your rounds on target, he wasn't satisfied. Then they graduated to multiple targets, then shooting numbered targets in the proper order, then moving targets. First came rapid-fire shooting at a man-sized silhouette, then tightening down to 4-inch saucer-sized groups.

Focus. And deft weapon handling, shooting from the ready position and then, when that was mastered, starting from the holster and shooting without hitting your foot, the ground, or your partner. Same drill with the Walther MPK submachine gun. Then, to induce problems, one magazine would be spiked with a dummy round.

“Misfire!” Clear it and continue. There are no breaks on the battlefield or in the alley. The bullseye target became paper people. Men with guns, women with purses,

women with guns, children. Bad guy behind two innocents, obscured target, discriminate, and shoot. Take out the bad guy, don't shoot the good guys, even if you can only see a bit of the bad guy to shoot.

Then came the scenarios. From the open range, they graduated to a single room, then added hallways and multiple rooms. The light got bad and then there was no light. Shooting with PVS-5 night vision goggles and finding out the hard way that you can't see after the first flash of your pistol renders them useless.

“Send a message to Night Vision Labs and have them fix that. Fast.” (They won't.) Shoot, reload, and start over. It was fun at first, coming back up to speed, then it became work, then it became an obsession.

Focus. Shoot faster, shoot tighter, move quicker, more securely, leave no openings, and shoot to kill. You were good when all the rounds went into the tiny target with no flyers.

Don't shoot to wound, don't shoot to disarm. Shoot to kill.”

— extracted from Appointment in Tehran, Casemate, 2021

James Stejskal
We trained hard...

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Earlier the Commander had said we can have two weeks, all the ammo we need, and all the ranges are yours. We trained hard. Hard training was good for morale, especially if there was a purpose. Someone hung a quote on the wall—one from an old soldier who served with Merrill's Marauders but contrary to his admonitions, things improved, skills did progress. It was probably because the sergeants ran the training, not the officers.

The students were a mixed bag, some having been through the COB train-up before, while others had only recently joined the unit. Everyone started at the bottom, which was déjà vu for some, but an excellent review.

It wasn't the training normally given to every Special Forces soldier. Yes, they all knew how to use many types of weapons in almost any situation, but their training was geared for fighting enemy soldiers, not terrorists in the midst of a bunch of innocent civilians. That required precision shooting and meant training at a higher level, a lot of it.

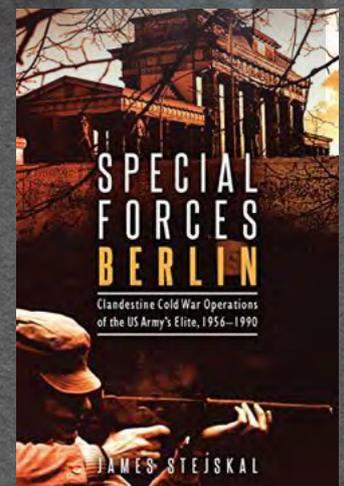
There were only four places in the US military to get this kind of training: two were in isolated areas of Fort Bragg, one was in Panama, and the other was in Berlin.

The equipment we used then looks simple, even archaic now. It was state-of-the art. It was the beginnings of counterterror operations in the United States. Close Quarter Battle and the art of precision killing. The 1979 Tehran hostage crisis would be the first test.

My latest novel, *Appointment in Tehran*, takes the story of the attempted rescue further. What happens when a small nuclear weapon and its operator must be brought out of Iran during Operation Eagle Claw and how do you tell that story?

My method of telling the story is through the eyes of the operators that had to pull the mission off. The guys who went on the raid, the ones who infiltrated Tehran under cover to collect the intelligence needed for the rescue to be successful. I have a pretty good understanding of that because I was in one unit involved: the 39th Special Forces Detachment (Berlin).

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In my opinion this is one of the most important things that a student can do to an instructor.

Do your research before spending your money on a class that isn't what you're looking for.

Is the block of instruction academic or practical? Does the instructor's background support the instruction he/she is teaching?

A good instructor will not have an issue answering questions about themselves and their background. There should be information about who they are and where they came from on their website.

If the instructor does not have a formal website then find someone you know and trust that has taken the class you're looking into and see what kind of experience they had in the class.



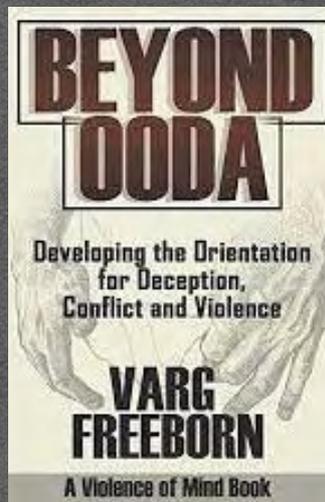
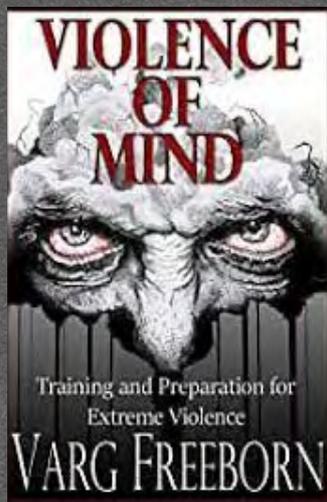
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We often hear new trainees talk about wanting to find their "switch", that ability to push into the realm of effective lethal force when the moment calls upon them. This is an incredibly important aspect of professional violence that must be cultivated.

No one knows how they will react until the moment is upon them, so we reason that the more preparation and inoculation we put ourselves through, the more predictable we can make our actions under pressure. You become the master of the stress of violent conflict.

You control your mind and push through when the bullets are flying and when your buddies or teammates are wounded. When the crowds are panicking and running in all directions, you are focused, calculated, looking for work to do at your high professional standard without hesitation.

But what about when you turn that corner into where you heard the gunfire coming from, and immediately before you, instead of the bad guy, is a scared victim holding a cell phone? Can you dial it back and handle that situation without adding harm?

What will you do when a suspect has fought you, nearly killed you or your teammates, and you have him restrained now? Will you control your emotions and resist urges to continue with higher levels of violence?

How about the times when you are home and dealing with your spouse or children is trying your patience and understanding? Can you dial it back and step back into husband/wife/father/mother mode, where you exercise self-control and keep anger and aggression at bay?

Self-control is not just a capability that we cultivate when we are on the range or in the gym. And it is not just a capability that we use only in deadly conflict or fighting. Self-control is something we practice with every waking minute. It affects all areas of our lives, and we should extend those professional standards into those areas just the same.

What we don't hear talked about often enough is how to find the "OFF" switch when it is appropriate. We don't train enough to tone it down when it is needed. And often, we do not train on how to act outside of the range, gym or battlespace. Overreaction, overstimulation and overuse of force (as we are seeing in today's climate) gets us into unbelievable trouble.



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We are excited to announce that the new dates have been solidified and Trigger'd will be taking place on March 23rd - 25th, 2022.

The 2022 Trigger'd Expo will bring all of the great promised features from the 2021 event, but now without having to compromise any elements due to concerns in the area. With that said, Trigger'd is still taking place at the Government Training Institute (GTI) in Barnwell, SC. GTI was founded in 2003 to address needs of state and local law enforcement agencies throughout the United States with research-based training. GTI's expansive, one-of-a-kind facility is a decommissioned nuclear processing facility that never went active.

One of GTI's greatest features that continues to present itself is its outdoor element. With over 450 acres available outdoors and over 1/2 million sq of buildings, we are able to gather safely while still bringing a hands-on trade show and expo. This is an exclusive content-generating event with dedicated photo and video resource generators for media, buyers, and influencers.

The trade show and expo elements at GTI is an invite-only in-person experience. Luckily, the added benefit of our show is that our hybrid show gives anyone the ability to experience the digital e-show that is open to the world. Even if you aren't at the in-person event, you can still participate and experience what Trigger'd has to offer.

This event stands out from other events in the industry with an all-new virtual element. The event features an online platform including live feeds from sponsor booths, product demonstrations, as well as a user-friendly portal for consumers and buyers to order your product. Not only can you present your products for purchase, you can also host huge online giveaways, unveil & demonstrate new products, as well as participate in our online silent auction.



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