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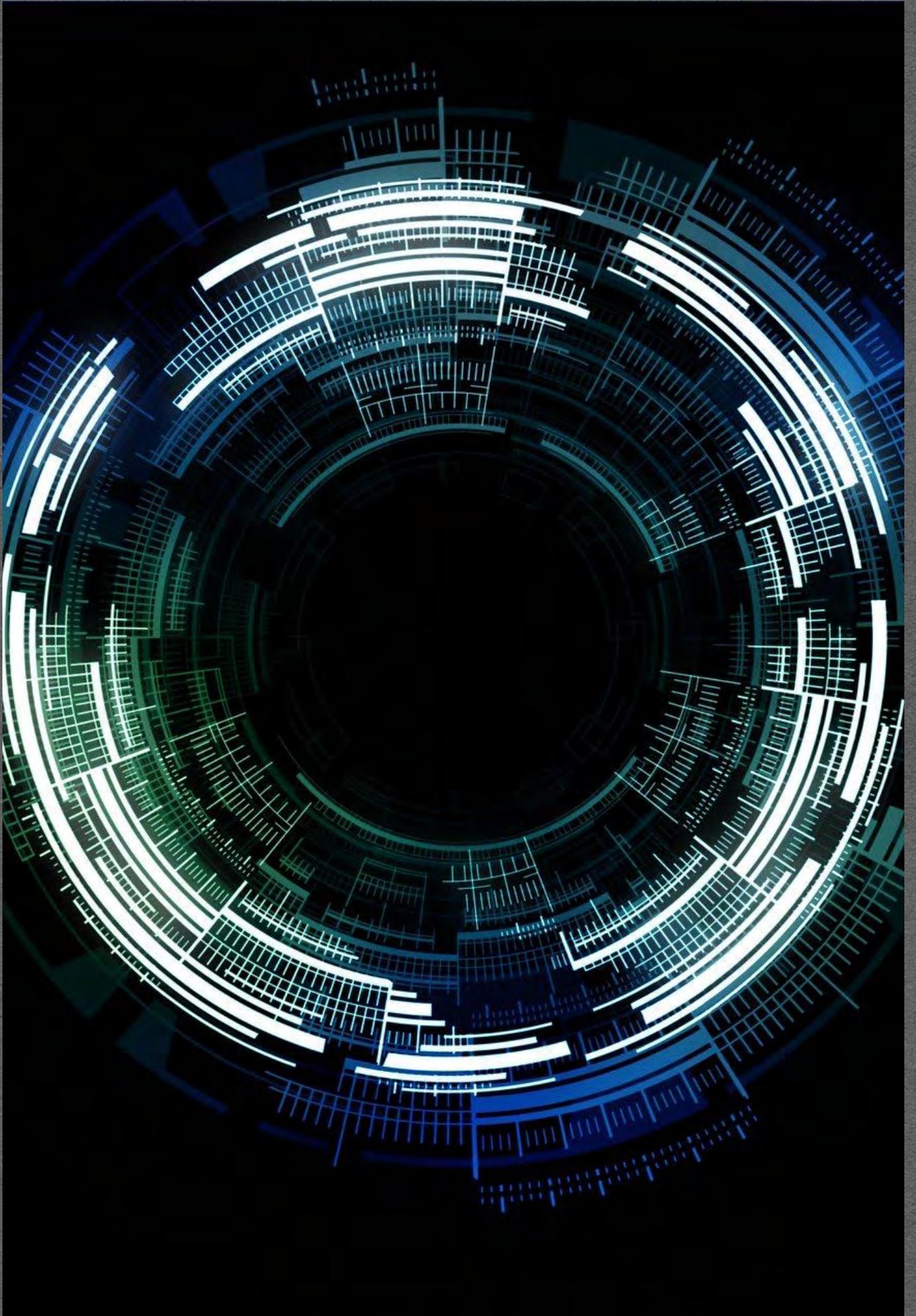


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**This will define the future of our industry for a very long time: Specialization is paramount.**

**In a complex world that needs complex solutions, a specialist who fits into a high-value niche, will make good money, especially, when he can get together other specialists to build a portfolio of highly-specialized security services for those who can pay for it.**

**Today, you need to be a specialist in a certain field and a trustworthy operator, who has a solid network of equal trustworthy specialists.**

**These specialists add value to your operations or training when it is necessary. As a team, you have to aim for highly-specialized, tailor-made solutions for customers who can pay for this kind of service.**

**The equation of running a successful tactical business now reads: A well-funded portfolio of highly-specialized solutions embedded in a network of trustworthy partners, aiming for a high-value niche that attracts customers with deep pockets.**

**And make sure that you understand the role of technology. Without having technology and solutions for common technology security issues in your portfolio, you will stay an amateur with a gun.**

**Make sure you have people on your team, or at least within your phone list, who understand something about drones, surveillance, artificial intelligence, robotics, video manipulation,**





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hacking, crypto, information wars, cybersecurity, encrypting and decrypting, nanotechnology and biotechnology. Make sure that you are surrounded by competence in technology and that you have a technological advantage in your operational portfolio.

Your future customers will demand more and higher standards, track records, specialized teams and the integration of technology in your services to meet the complex threats that high net-worth families, global businesses or state entities face today. This is now an expert's business. It's time to adapt.

Or... you enter the consumer market with your brand or a product that can attract a large number of consumers who follow a certain lifestyle or values related to you and your product. A certain coffee brand is a good example of this strategy. But the consumer market is a different battlefield... and not an easy one!

Good sectors to provide security services will be:

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## # Kris Paronto



One thing that I always tell people: Even if you fail, you keep going. Don't just stop and beat yourself up over the failure or mistake. Learn from it in the moment. It's fresh and in your immediate memory. Make the correction in your head, but continue to train and move forward. That bullet is downrange and we can't take it back, all we can do is readjust, re-aim and refire.

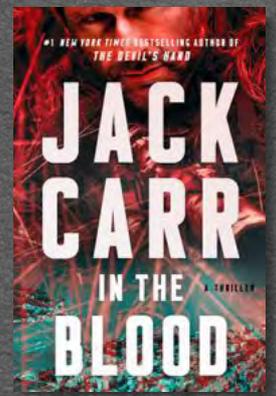
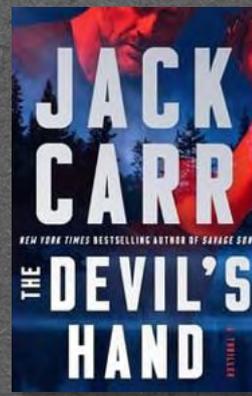
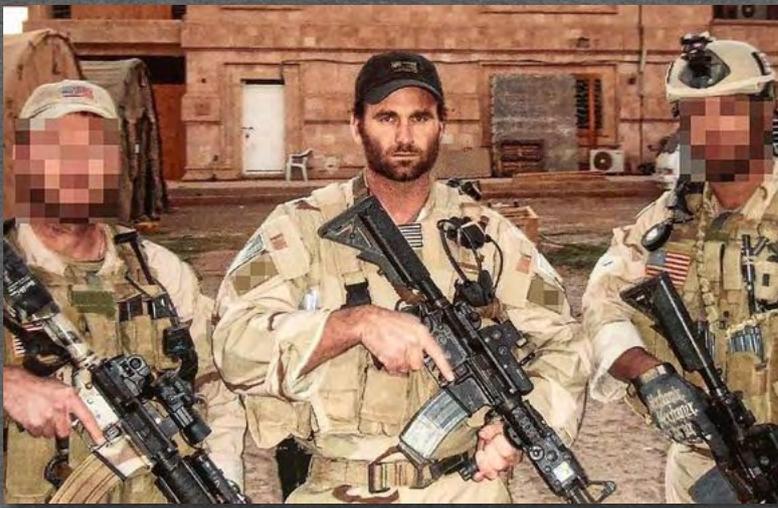
And this is where very dogmatic instructors can cause harm with their training style. I've experienced it as a student and instructor: Especially in room clearing or force on force scenarios: The participant just stops when they make a mistake, almost freezes in place instead of continuing on with the drill.

When I'm the coach/instructor, they will sometimes look to me, like: "Tell me something. What do I do?" and I'll say, "I don't know. What do you think you should do?"

It's not that I'm ridiculing or patronizing them. I want them to continue to think because the worst thing in the world to do in a dynamic situation is not to make a bad decision. It's to make NO decision.

That was pounded into my head as a young Ranger private. It's that we continue to move forward. We don't stop or quit and we train through the mistakes, (unless the mistake was so egregious that my squad leader deemed that we needed some on the spot correction, haha) and we keep finding work, keep moving forward.





# # Jack Carr

For *The Devil's Hand*, I asked the question "What has Iran, China, North Korea, Russia, terrorist organizations, and/or superpowered individuals learned from us over the past twenty years at war and what have they incorporated into their future battle plans?"

We've been playing poker in Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria and other hot spots around the world while they have had the benefit of looking at our cards and watching how we play those cards.

What lessons have they learned and how have they applied those lessons to future battleplans? I thought about those questions as a SEAL, and today, I think about those questions as an author and a citizen. My latest novel, *The Devil's Hand*, is centered around those questions.

I outlined *The Devil's Hand* in August 2019 and I used a bioweapon as a catalyst to move the story forward. I had no idea

that six months later we would be in the middle of a pandemic. The theme of my novel became a lot more timely than I initially anticipated; our enemy is learning from more than our actions on foreign battlefields.

They are learning from our response to COVID. They are learning from the civil unrest that swept our cities over the summer of 2020, and they are learning from what was an extremely contentious political season and election cycle that highlighted deep divisions within the populace.

The enemy is looking at all these things with more than passing interest. They are taking notes at every opportunity on how to exploit these domestic conditions for their potential gain in a future confrontation.

Our enemies are combining the lessons they have learned from studying us over the past twenty years at war with the lessons of 2020. We have given them a lot to work with.



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What happens during the selection course is the aspirants give themselves in body and soul, bringing their warrior's heart to us. Day by day, we put them through the hardest tests. We separate those who have it and who don't fit the profile. This is what really happens in our selection course and later in our training.

Look, you can't go into an operation against drug cartels in a Brazilian slum in search of peace, because you will not find peace. On the contrary, you'll face dozens of drug dealers armed with HKG3, AR10, AK 47, .50 Cals and grenades. No one is willing to make peace. It'll either be us or them.

Therefore, our operators must have this courage. They have to have controlled aggression and emotional control. They have to have this fearlessness to go through whatever it takes and carry out the mission without hesitation.

We have to accept this difficult and adverse lifestyle of our unit as the responsibility that BOPE was created for. It is what we are. We have to accept the extreme adversity from the environment in which we conduct our operations.

Our operators are true warriors. They accept adversity as part of their lives, as the core value of our unit and as the reality of our operations. A guy who can bring that spirit into our unit will be one of us.



**Daniel Rocca**  
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drills. Because I have found high probability situations typically allow minimal, narrow external focus on the sights and minimal, narrow internal focus on the trigger finger and its movement, I prioritize platform and grip first.

A shooter's presentation, overall shooting platform, and consistent grip might be the primary mechanism to achieve sight alignment.

Pistols are anatomically hard to shoot under duress because the human hand is designed to squeeze as a whole unit. Isolating the trigger finger and moving it with precision (not to be confused with pulling the trigger as you squeeze your entire hand) is a fine motor skill achievable for sure, but mostly under the right conditions and with the proper conditioning.

Behavior-based marksmanship starts with the courts, works its way through the realities of shooting situations, works with human behavior, and ultimately brings it all together with marksmanship fundamentals in a very functional, training-efficient manner. Give yourself and others the training they need to prevail and discount the human and reality factors at your own and your organization's risk.

The 80/20 rule is a good rule.

Keep in mind there is a clear need for more marksmanship-intensive skills, and officers must be conditioned to recognize the need to use them. Typically, these are situations where the threat is not directly attacking or is unaware of the officer.

The 80/20 rule is a good rule to follow with any of these clusters. Spend 80% of your training time with the specified skill at the specified distance, then mix up the skills' application at a closer or greater distance. Next, add in more context. Address the stress factors of cover, escape routes/movement, and threat orientation. Behaviorally, I have found that threat orientation is the primary factor affecting marksmanship; overall stress control is second, then shooting posture or platform, then grip, then trigger, then sights. For long guns, I switch sights and trigger.

An immediate threat facing you firing or about to fire is a far different threat than a suspect running from you or a suspect oriented on another person.

Watch videos and note the difference in posture and shooting. It is exceedingly evident. Take that behavior into account when working your



**Trevor S. Thrasher**





P3D Solutions Inc and the Dutch Special Operations community can trace its history back approximately five years, prior even to the founding of P3D Solutions. The founders of P3D Solutions had the opportunity to instruct at a training center in Germany where-in the Dutch were a member nation. One of the instructors was from the Dutch Korps Commando Troepen (KCT) and a positive relationship was born.

Over the course of time, P3D Solutions founders had the opportunity to train with KCT Operators and were privileged to lead the training of a company of the KCT direct support soldiers in Urban Combat and Close Quarters Battle, as well as instruct numerous other members of their armed forces in shooting and CQB.

The BreachPop was conceived based on the founders' experience in CQB and Breaching in order to reduce the net explosive weight (N.E.W) necessary to breach a target. The BreachPop was designed from the ground up with the assaulter in mind by easily fitting into existing magazine pouches and being durable enough to survive rough handling.

Additionally, to reduce traumatic brain injuries sustained in breaching operations, the tamping medium is a proprietary water-polymer gel capable of reducing measured blast overpressure by up to 60% compared to conventional charges of the same N.E.W. Ultimately, the BreachPop has proven to be a durable, easy to build, easy to carry charge that enhances safety in both the operational and training environment.

After the founding of P3D Solutions, the relationship was rekindled with the Dutch Special Operations Forces while they were engaged in a training event at Tactical Energetic Entry Solutions (TEES) in the USA. Alan Brosnan, the owner of TEES, facilitated the first KCT and MARSOFF purchase of a test and evaluation pack from P3D Solutions. From his time working and developing the BreachPop overseas, Justin, a US Army Green Beret and founder of P3D Solutions, was able to provide them with direct instruction on application of the BreachPop to European targets.

On a subsequent trip for training in the USA, Steve from the Dutch MARSOFF Marines chose to make another purchase of BreachPops to supplement their training and enhance operations at home and abroad. This was ultimately due to the failures of some other commercial products they were testing, and the positive prior results they experienced with the BreachPops. They are choosing to depend on the BreachPop 8"/20cm strip charges and the BreachPop Bi-Fold linear due to the numerous benefits provided by both.





## **Brian A. Bewley** **Tactical Solutions International** **Tactical Training in the Cold** **Weather Environment**

**While many trainers and students have no issue with training in fair weather, many choose to conduct training indoors or worse - they cancel their training during inclement weather or in the cold of winter. Those who live and work in these cold environments MUST train in all applicable local environments, inside and outside, to develop or maintain their skills.**

**As an example, one of our standard monthly training events is the Wyoming Concealed Firearms Permit (CFP) course conducted for the local community through our Community College. This is a basic and required course of instruction for those who do not already possess the training and experience to be licensed by the State of Wyoming to carry concealed.**

**The class is conducted at our local gun club indoor range and when the students graduate, they possess the skills,**

**knowledge and minimal experience to legally and safely carry a concealed pistol "in the environment for which they were trained." What this means is - regardless if it was -20F or 100F outside of the classroom, the students were trained in an environmentally controlled classroom and range and have the basic skills, knowledge and minimal experience of carrying a concealed pistol under a very light jacket or shirt in a like environment.**

**It does not provide them with the experience or expertise to carry concealed within a different environment, such as with minimal clothing on a beach or bundled under 3 layers of clothing while wearing arctic gloves in a blizzard at -20F.**

**One must train in these new environments for skill proficiency.**

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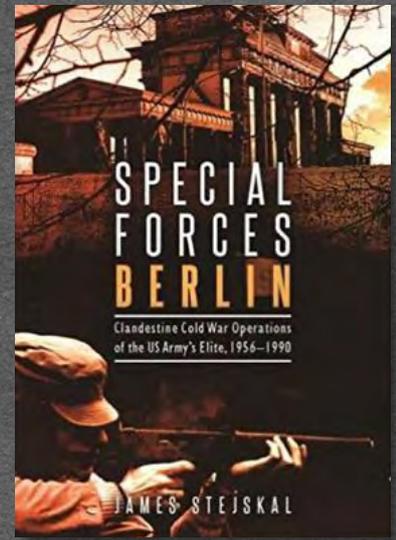
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# James Stejskal



**Berlin, Fall 1977**

In the 1970s, Terrorism had reared its head in Europe. At first it was small-scale attacks, but then came the kidnapping of Israeli Olympic Team in Munich and the subsequent debacle at Fürstenfeldbruck Airfield. Senior officers in the U.S. Army European Command realized the military was not prepared for such incidents, especially aircraft hijackings. Remember, this was well before 1st SFOD-D aka "Delta" got off the ground.

So Special Forces Berlin was ordered to prepare for the job. In 1975, Det "A" became the first U.S. military unit with counter-terrorism as one of its missions. For the men of SF Berlin, there was a new skill-set to be learned while maintaining the old one.

Many of the men had trained with SWAT teams and special forces of our allies. Together with our established knowledge base, we drew on those special experiences to build a solid program that would accomplish what was needed.

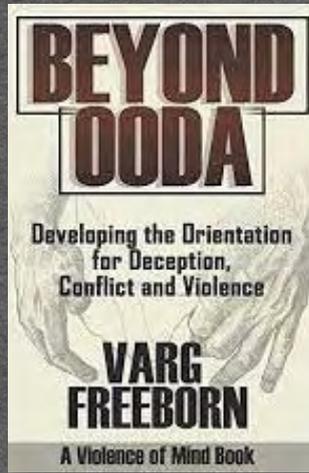
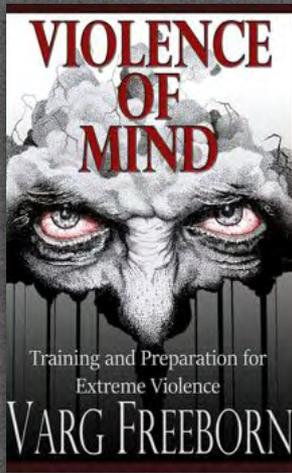
Some of it came from historical examples; books came out of the closet and the masters were re-learned: what Fairbairn learned in Shanghai and Applegate taught at Area B-2. Much came from our British cousins – the Special Air Service.

Several of our troopers spent a year at with 22SASR and brought their philosophy of Close Quarter Battle to our doors. British CQB coupled with the U.S. Army's Vietnam era "Quick Kill" techniques were integrated to teach our shooters how to acquire and hit a small target without using the sights. For longer ranger shots, the sights would be quickly visualized. The stated aim of CQB is simple: to guarantee success in killing. Six factors play a role: surprise, confidence, concentration, speed, teamwork, and offensive attitude.

Starting out at 5 meters and then moving back to 7 and 10 meters, a shooter could quickly engage a target with a rapid "double-tap" – two-rounds in the kill zone of first, an 8" platter-size circle, down to a 3" tea-cup saucer.

At first it was single targets, then multiple, then mixed shoot / no-shoot targets. It became more intense with a single marksman on the line, then in pairs, then four-man teams, and static then moving targets. All timed, all under pressure. So far, so good.

To get out of the firing range mindset, we built a shooting house to practice room clearing, single and multiple rooms, hallways and closets. Abandoned buildings in the city and empty Pan Am aircraft standing isolated on the tarmac at Berlin's Tegel Airport gave us the chance to practice full-on CT scenarios.



## # Varg Freeborn

**My job as a teacher is to guide your development to be able to effectively fight within your own limitations.**

**However, some limitations can and should be overcome, and I would argue that a great majority of the technique and skill used in a fight require a minimum amount of strength, speed and endurance to perform them adequately.**

**I would also contend that the more strength, speed and endurance you have in a functional manner, the more effective you are in performance and the greater your chances of lasting through a real deadly fight will be.**

**This concept is well established in athleticism, and we should feel the same about physical performance in self-defense fighting and martial arts, including gunfighting.**

**Conditioning is the best road to advanced technique. Technique that emerges from dedicated conditioning work is technique that you truly own. It has your own signature on it.**

**The instructor can show you the basic skill, and you can awkwardly emulate it, but when you understand how to move your body through space and how to leverage yourself against the environment, because you have developed strength, speed, endurance, proprioceptive capability and kinesthetic awareness, you customize it into a technique to match your body type and your most efficient movement pathways.**

**You develop around your individual limitations, genetic heritage and clothing choices. It's truly yours. Conditioning through the increase of physical capabilities and the repetition of skills is the only way to achieve this.**





George E. Reprogle



**In Memoriam  
George E. Reprogle**

**WWII Veteran who was a part of the 42d Medical Detachment Squadron at Freising, Germany.**

**He taught me how to fish, to hunt and to work with my hands.**

**Maybe most importantly, he taught me how to love genuinely and to mentor.**

**As important as it is to find a mentor, it's also important to be one. And if you are going to mentor someone, be a good one. Commit to the process and commit to them. What you discuss should always be kept in confidence.**

**Mentoring doesn't make you soft or a "safe space." It makes you human. Mentoring isn't easy, but it's long-term rewarding.**

**Additionally, mentoring can make impactful changes not only on the mentee but yourself as well. It creates personal accountability!**

**Being a mentor doesn't mean you have to know everything and that you have all the answers, it just means you're willing to invest in something bigger than yourself.**

**Years ago, I heard it said, "We do the right thing because it's the right thing to do." We don't need excuses to mentor someone. We just need to know it's the right thing.**

**Reflect on the people that brought you to where you are in life and be thankful for them.**

**Don't let the lessons of the old die with the dawn of tomorrow's generation. Papaw would say, "Son, I haven't seen a turtle on a fence post yet that got there by himself."**

**In this community maybe more than any other, we need mentors!**

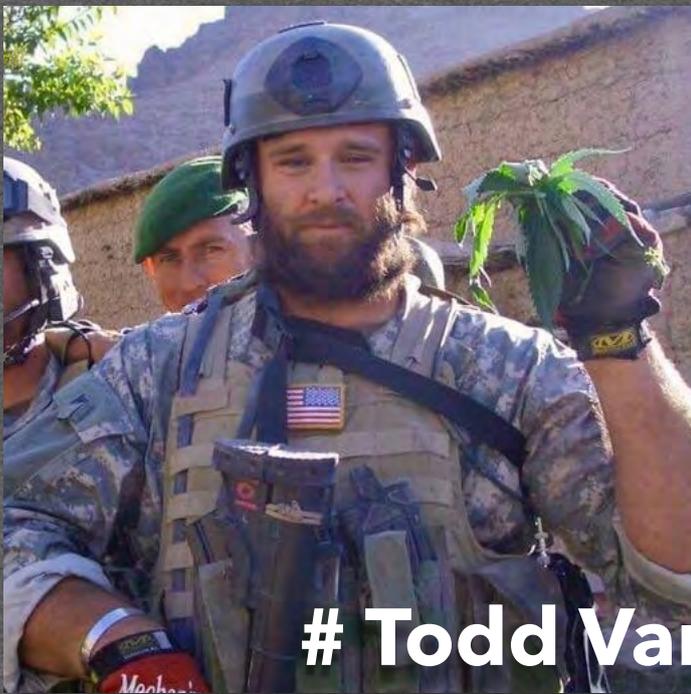
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**Shane Foster is the Breaching Instructor at T.E.E.S., a USAF Veteran and Former LE/S.W.A.T.**



**# Shane Foster**





## # Todd VanLangen

**“Life or Death” killings is what 99% of the Military or LEO forces deal with and consequently comes with a lifetime of baggage.**

**A split-second decision to take another human’s life in a firefight (in my experience) is a lot easier to deal with mentally, than spending a lengthy amount of time watching an individual up close and personal through a high-powered optic.**

**When you are tracking a bad guy through a scope, you see them as the person they are. Spend enough time tracking them and you will see their emotions, ticks, and mannerisms.**

**At some point you realize the bad guy is a human being, not just a steel target at the range and you have the power to shut them down permanently.**

**Once you make the decision to eliminate them, the visual of their face will forever be seared into your memory.**

**That visual will manifest at random times for the rest of your life, no matter what**



**you do to stop it. I once thought, after I had killed enough people, all the faces of the dead would blur together and maybe not be such a poignant experience.**

**Well, I was wrong. It gets worse. I have come to the decision that the burden of taking another’s life, is you get to relive the moment for eternity. It’s how you deal with it mentally that makes all the difference.**

**Just like every Sniper situation, every person is different, and I won’t sit here and preach to anyone on how to cope with their demons. I will say as an Operator, it is incumbent upon you to seek out your own way to deal with it.**

**Talk to those that are senior to you about how they cope and most importantly, help teach the younger generation how you do it.**

**There are professionals out there that specialize in building mental resiliency, seek them out. Set up a program for you and your people so you can grow tougher mentally as well as physically.**



DSS special agent Fred Burton, somewhere over the North Atlantic, on a USAF military special air mission (SAM) with freed American hostage David Jacobsen.

**As a state sponsor of terror, Hezbollah's reach is indeed global. I've seen this first-hand. In the 1980s, the terrorist group seemed always to be one step ahead and we had a hard time figuring out their main players and actors. Rarely, if ever, did we forecast their next move.**

**The organization certainly has the capability to strike Western or Israeli interests around the globe, if desired. But, there are also constraints; if any act of terror could be directly attributed to their actions, there would be reprisals. Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah, their leader, knows this.**

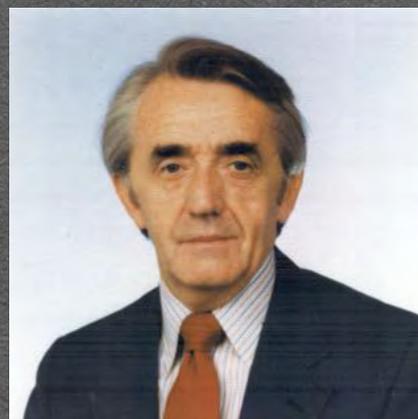
**Some intelligence services watch the group better than others, i.e., the Israeli MOSSAD.**

**From a tactical perspective, the penetration of the organization has always been tough due to a range of tradecraft reasons. To be blunt, we lacked the human intelligence assets to find Bill Buckley, the kidnapped station chief, and the other Western hostages (to include German hostages). It was an intelligence failure on the part of many Western intelligence services.**

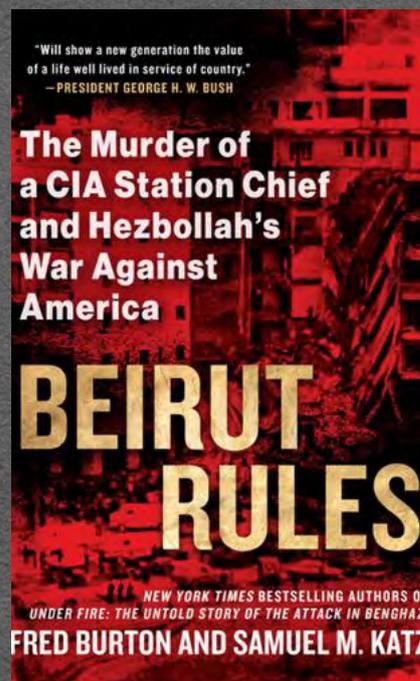
**I think about that pretty much every day. We should have done more.**



**# Fred Burton**  
**Executive Director of the Ontic**  
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Bill Buckley



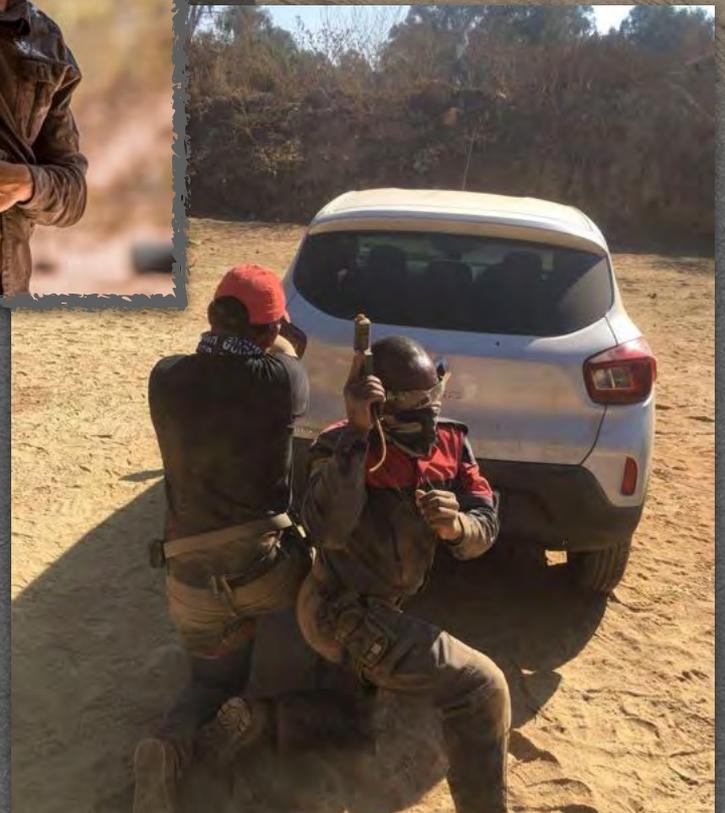
# Mark Human # Training # Review



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This tactical leadership course is designed to enhance operational planning prior to tactical events and critical decision-making skills during tactical situations. However, it must be recognized that the conditions for successful tactical operations are developed years in advance. Consequently, this course also guides students in how to set these conditions.

First, a clear understanding of leadership strategies, attributes, and competencies establishes the course foundation - in short, what a leader should "be and know." Then, it is upon this foundation that all other leadership skills are built; from personnel selection and training concepts to liability mitigation and capturing lessons learned through debriefs. At this point, after understanding the conditions for success, we explore the planning steps for anticipated and unanticipated tactical operations. This involves anticipating suspect courses of action, assessing operational risks, developing and implementing tactical plans, and modifying plans as needed during a crisis scenario.

The course utilizes multiple learning concepts in the classroom setting - multi-media supported lecture, group exercises, class discussions, debriefs and case study critiques. Outside of the classroom environment, students validate the material covered by participating in two practical exercises. These planning exercises include site reconnaissance, intelligence collection, operational planning, and operational briefing.

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**I will tell you the hard truth: We want the training harder than it is in real life. That's what we want.**

**Sweat in training saves lives in combat. We want more and harder training so that when our officers go to the battlefield, then they can feel confident. Our officers need to be comfortable in uncomfortable situations: We can do this!**

**Everything comes down to true leadership. This is key. An officer who is calm and always keeps his/her head in a situation is demonstrating his trained qualities that came from good leadership.**

**In many situations, a calm and cool demeanor can avoid conflict. Or it can keep use of force to a minimum or use only when necessary. The trouble starts when there is not enough experience on the ground to accomplish the task at hand.**

**And inside or our agencies, I would like to see a culture of true leadership growing from within: We have to look for leaders who are more experienced in order to train the newer officers. Men/women who have already gone through these evolutions of training and operations is what I am talking about.**

**We need a culture of officers who learn to trust their fellow officers, because they went through the same hard training. And they know that fellow officers will make the correct decisions.**

**Or those leaders who can identify what they need to accomplish the mission.**

**Leadership is essential. Good leaders make good operators. Both will get us better performance and a safer environment for everyone: our officers and the public.**



## **# Dutch Chris Moyer**





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**YOU** are the primary weapon system and your firearm (or knife) is your backup. You need to be able to weather the emotional ambush (fear) as well as the physical (the assault).

This is the formula for safety during an extreme close-quarter ambush:

1) Weather the ambush, if you don't accomplish that there is no next move!

2) Manage the fear spike - we teach a specific system around the neuroscience of fear and how it influences movement and decision-making.

3) Convert the flinch - this is the bread and butter of our tactical system.

4) Regain emotional & psychological balance - mindset and resiliency are key to making good decisions while under duress.

5) Engage the threat using primal gross motor movements [not complex motor skills] ... when you flinch your

hands will move to protect your head, so unless your gun is in your hand already it's actually moving further from your holster, this reality needs to be integrated into this type of scenario training.

6) When you are emotionally and psychologically in control of yourself and physically dominating your opponent, transition to your backup weapon - prematurely going to your weapon could prove costly depending on the nature of the attack.

Note: this formula is 'principle based' designed for 'extreme close quarters' - if you can break contact, get to cover, those are obvious options, the scenario must dictate.



# # Rich Graham # Full Spectrum Warrior # Deep Wood Range

Rich Graham is a Navy SEAL veteran, the creator of the Full Spectrum Warrior (FSW) System, and President of Home Front K9 Project.

Rich Graham: Instead of just being able to pull the trigger and hit a target more often, my students know where and how to move and why they should do so in different times throughout different scenarios.

- Rich in GTI Magazine



One of our big goals at FSW has been to set up a variety of training scenarios and drills within our training programs to develop cognitive thinking under stress.

My goal is to develop strong- moving and critically thinking warriors who can perceive and react to a variety of situations.

- Rich Graham



## # Ralf Kassner # Wodan Security

**Kill house training is not so much about cutting-edge shooting skills and heavy live fire action, as someone might think.**

**A good kill house training, especially for close protection services, is very much about coordination, communication, speed and building up operational pressure.**

**The training should make you able to build teams and then operate effectively within these teams, even with people you may just have met for the first time. Because this will be a situation that you will face very often during your field operations as a close protection service professional.**

**It happens all the time. A company puts you in a new team, maybe one of your team members got hurt, another one leaves the company, or the overall operational parameters are just changing - whatever it is: The most reliable constant in the close protection service business is change.**

**The grade of your professionalism in this business is your ability to make yourself comfortable working with strangers under**

**tremendous pressure and in challenging or even lethal environments.**

**We do not talk about SWAT or Military SOF training here, where unit members have time and significant resources to study their team members operational behavior... often for months and sometimes for years.**

**Close Protection Services - especially in the free market - is a different category of specialized operations and has to deal with limited resources, restrictions and a lot of unknowns.**

**Therefore, a 360-degree training for close protection should be about flexibility - operational and individual flexibility. Teams, operational parameters and objectives can change very quickly.**





## # Tactical Quadcopter ™ M640x

The ION M640x is the next generation of tactical quadcopter building on the capabilities of the ION M440. Equipped with a Teledyne FLIR 640 thermal imager, a near-infrared laser illuminator, and all-new object tracking, the ION M640x is on the cutting edge of IR technology.

The ION M640x tactical quadcopter is an American designed, developed, manufactured, and supported system. This system is equipped with the best sensor and laser technology Teledyne FLIR has to offer, unique capabilities for special missions, and Teledyne FLIR's high standard of service and support.

### UPGRADED IR SENSOR RESOLUTION 640

The ION M640x has upgraded to a Teledyne FLIR 640 thermal imager. This doubles the infrared resolution, maximizes sensor detection, and clarity.

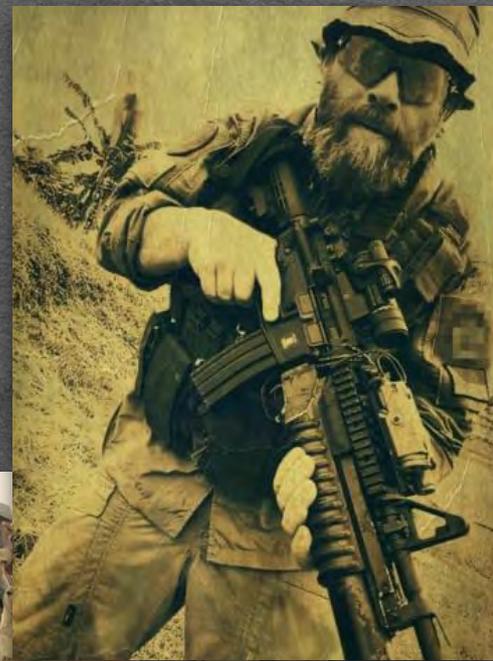
### SMART OBJECT TRACKING

The ION M640x features smart object tracking. This enables the operator to direct the aircraft to track and follow while maintaining a set distance from a designated object.

### NEW NIR LASER ILLUMINATOR

Equipped with an NIR laser illuminator, the ION M640x can pinpoint objects of interest remotely. Laser Illumination only visible with night vision goggles.





In our modern age of information, in a highly connected world, what could be the ultimate advantage for instructors? The very simple answer is, we need to learn from each other. There is so much "My Tactical Kung Fu is better than your Tactical Kung Fu" going on in the industry. We must ask ourselves, why? Are we not in this to train good people to step up against bad guys and dangerous threats? We are not a competitive shooter, where only one person can win the championship.

If I think that a team or a student could learn a specific skill better in the presence of another instructor, I will always pass them on to the one who can best serve their needs.

Why not? If you think you can cover all aspects of such a highly complex task like firearms training, COB, or tactical training, then you are delusional. There is no universal ninja, there is no universal answer.

The very nature of what we do as instructors in tactical and firearms training, obligates us to be constantly learning.

I see myself as a part-time instructor, but full-time learner. I can't stop learning. If you stop learning in this profession, then you are either dead, will be soon, or you simply don't care about your job anymore. If that is the case, then honestly, you should quit.

Constantly learning is the most crucial ability we need to have and maintain in our profession. You stop learning, and you will die. This death can be figurative, meaning professionally, or personally. It can also be literal through the hands of a bad guy who fights you in a manner you didn't understand in the moment, because you got lazy.



**# Instructor Zero**



## **TRAINING EQUALS OFFICERS WHO THINK ON THEIR FEET**

**We want the officers to be able to evaluate the incident and act accordingly, with the appropriate numbers of rounds. We want “thinkers that can shoot and shooters that can think” not just officers who are robots. The only way to develop this type of officer is through proper training.**

**We teach our officers not to jerk the trigger when they shoot and pin the trigger to the rear. We tell them to slowly release the trigger until they feel and hear a positive click, then start to squeeze the trigger again.**

**While this is great for bullseye shooting, combat may require a rapid deployment of multiple rounds in order to suppress the threat that you are facing.**

**In light of that, we should be training our students to not move their weapon while firing, then pull the trigger however fast they need to. They can jerk the trigger as long as they don't move the gun.**



## **# Scott Usry # GTI**

**We are looking for combat effective shoots to stop threats in order to protect the public. As Law Enforcement Officers we are accountable for every round shot, so we need to be better trained with our firearms.**

### **Finding Credible, Real-World Training**

**How do we combat the issues with firearms training? We look for training from credible experienced instructors. We seek knowledge from qualified people who have been where we want to go. We continue to be students of the game and always looking to better ourselves and our profession.**

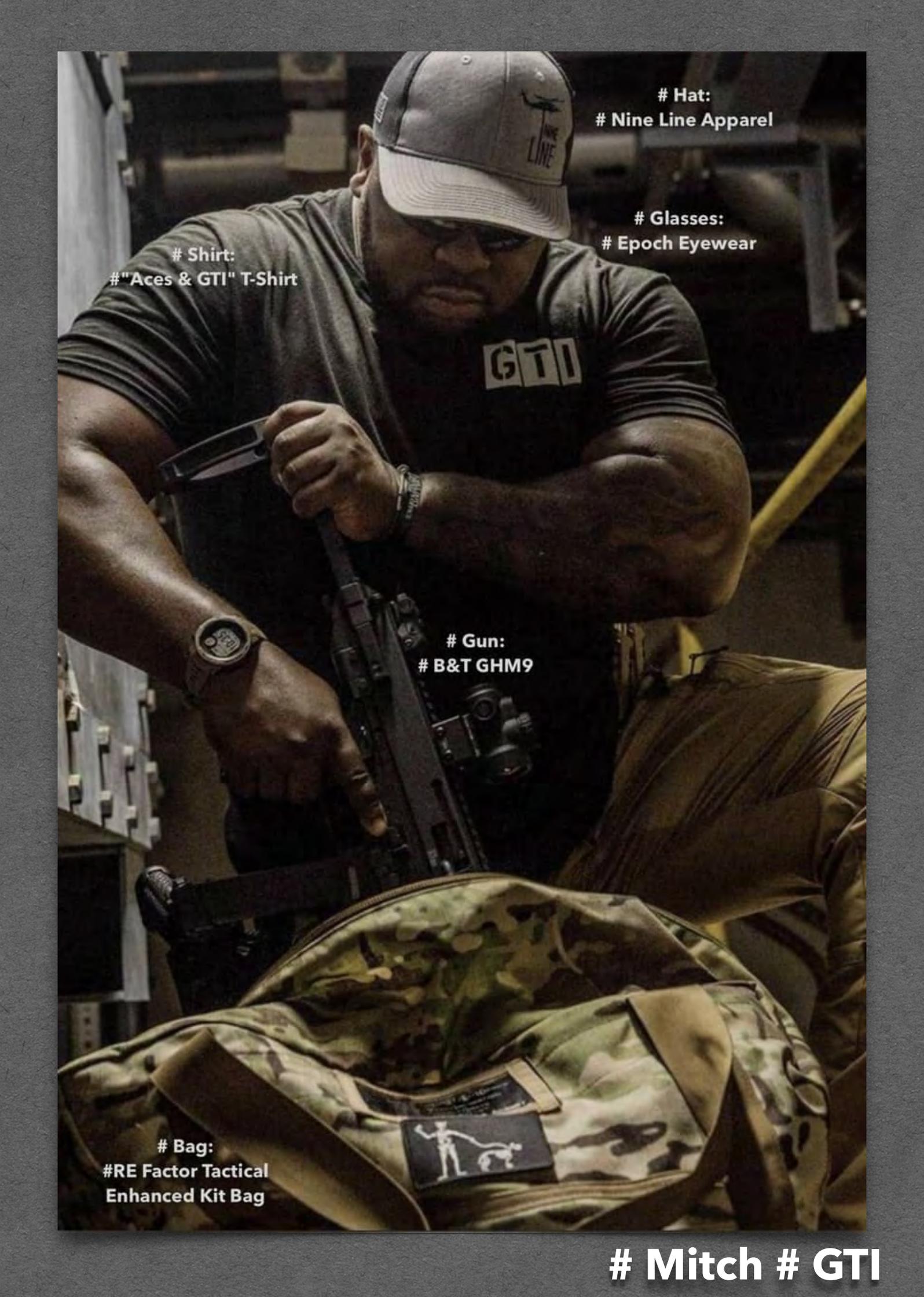


**GTI Joint Operations Center in Barnwell**



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# Photos by Dave Young

A man in tactical gear is shown in a workshop-like setting. He is wearing a grey baseball cap with a logo, a dark t-shirt with 'GTI' on the chest, and sunglasses. He is holding a B&T GHM9 rifle. In the foreground, there is a camouflage kit bag with a patch. The background shows shelves with various items.

# Hat:  
# Nine Line Apparel

# Shirt:  
# "Aces & GTI" T-Shirt

# Glasses:  
# Epoch Eyewear

# Gun:  
# B&T GHM9

# Bag:  
# RE Factor Tactical  
Enhanced Kit Bag

# Mitch # GTI

# TRIGGER'D # Update

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Trade + Expo



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.



# Click photos to learn more...



## # Walter Bizzarri # Universal Shield USA

The common ground of being a warrior is having a team. A unit, a team, a group, a bunch of brothers, a tribe... You name it, depending on where you come from. And this spirit of "team" is getting lost in the hunt for social media fame.

The industry trend to hunt fame and likes is clearly picking up speed, especially now in a time of economical crisis. And that worries me.

We have to put teams first. On social media, everyone is a "one-man war-machine," and that is not true. We can only operate, advance and fulfill our missions in teams.

We need more good networks, good communication between our leading experts. And we need to invest in events and trainings, where we can connect and share with our brothers where we can. Everyone should be able to learn a few things.

Cooperation is my personal path in this world and in my profession... And I am a little worried about social media creating an underlying toxic movement of "me... me... me..."

That is not what we have learned in the units and operations that made us who we are.



**# Successful Mission # Coast of Spain**



**# Ricardo McClain # España  
# Guardia Civil**

**ATAC Anti Terror Academy in Stod, Czech Republic, is without any doubt one of Europe's best training facilities for special operations forces and close protection service professionals.**

**ATAC is an impressive installation that meets all needs of advanced tactical training. Europe's best special forces fly in regularly to train and develop new tactics at ATAC.**

**You will need to have a background in military, SOF or several years in close protection services to get an appointment. Under the label ATAC, only governmental special operations forces are allowed to train. The inhouse-label of training called SF-UCS is open to operators of the private market. Nevertheless, it has high training standards and procedures from the SpecOps-world.**

**ATAC Anti Terror Academy: Where to find it?**

**ATAC is located in Stod, Czech Republic, close to the German border and close to Prague, Munich, Vienna, Dresden. So, we are talking about just a 2 hour ride by car from some of the major cities in Central Europe.**

**Even if you have to travel from Berlin or Frankfurt, you will make it easily in less than three hours, because you can travel the distance straight on Germany's biggest highways. If you travel by plane, your best shot will be the airport of Prague, from which you can reach Stod in less than 50 minutes by car.**

**The ATAC training facility is located just a few minutes outside of the town and it is very easy to find. If in doubt, you can ask anyone in Stod how to get there, because everybody knows the place. If you need to stay for a few days at the facility: Overnight-guests can book some basic but really comfortable rooms.**

**The ATAC training center itself is a former military facility. Regulations for firearms and trainings are very favorable in Czech Republic. Therefore, you do not have to worry: You will find everything you need at ATAC. Safety regulations are taken seriously at ATAC and they will be monitored by the staff highly professional.**

**ATAC was founded by Miroslav Pasterčik**

**ATAC was founded by Miroslav Pasterčik in 2002, ex Czech Police Officer, Quick Response Unit of the City of Prague. For six years, he was a member of the Praesidium of the Czech Chamber of Detective Services.**



**# Miroslav Pasterčik**

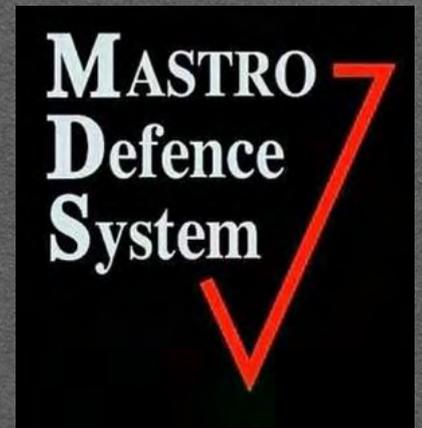


**# ATAC Anti Terror Academy**



**# Czech Republic**





**I learned to read my environment as well as my opponents or possible threats. This is more valuable than drills. Because drills are always reactive. Understanding your environment and learning the art of anticipation is proactive. It will give you the invaluable power of having the initiative in any situation.**

**And having the initiative is what rules the fight. Anticipation of what can or will happen makes 80% of the fight. When I can anticipate the first move of the guy in front of me, I will have an advantage over him, even when he is stronger than me. That's why my training seminars always include lessons about situational awareness, today.**

**Read your environment. Read your opponents. Anticipate the threat and learn to focus on their first move or attack. When their first attack fails, you got them half-hearted. The sharks, the predators, are in for a quick kill.**

**Even a strong fighter doesn't want to get into trouble. He will wait and assess and attack you when he feels it is the right moment. You take this away from him and he finds himself in a situation where he has lost the initiative. This can turn every fight.**



**# Fred Mastro**



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# # Paolo Simeone

Over the last few decades, scientists all over the world have discovered an interesting correlation between the brain and respiration, including a link between stress and nasal respiration. I'm not a scientist, so I will leave the technical and medical explanation alone for the sake of a better and shorter article, but you can find quite interesting resources online about this topic.

With my focus on tactical training, I can just say that my team and I have been testing nasal respiration since 2019, and we found tactical benefits in it. We notice that deep nasal respiration (that additionally involves the diagram) helped the operator to stay focused on the task and focused on the operational priority of his mission, even when his surroundings were really stressful and chaotic.

Basically, it all started while I was exercising for myself. I noticed straight away a great benefit in terms of resistance and focus in my training. I started to apply my findings into shoot house training runs. Step by step, I added more challenging "stress factors" to it, such as total darkness, noises, strobos, smoke and other

hellish scenario-details. And due to my better breathing during the exercises, I noticed that I was more confident about my choices and faster in my reactions. We tried out a few more things, refined our insights and made our findings a part of our training.

And it worked. Reaction time, confidence, aggressiveness and decision-making showed significant improvements - in our team and for the attendees of our training.

Again: I'm not a medic, so my feedback here is just to motivate you to do your own research and learn what works for you and what not. Our key element is a deep nasal respiration that involves the diagram. You have to try for yourself, include it in your physical training as well in stressful challenges as kill house training.

Start with resources like Youtube to understand the basics of better breathing and try to include it in your next training session. Watch yourself, learn from adding these aspects to your training, refine your findings and come back to get better at it. That was basically the formula that works for us. So, no magic, just think, try and learn.



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**Daniel Jirasek • 3GunDaniel**  
**Competitive Shooting: What I wish someone had told me when I was getting started!**



I have focused mostly on 3 Gun, but dabbled in other formats with a recent jump into The Tactical Games. I have put a lot into it, training and shooting whenever I could. I averaged around 13-14 major level matches a year for the last several years and snuck in as many local or monthly matches as possible.

And I made a lot of mistakes between beginning and reaching that first "W" ... and here are a few of the lessons learned.

So what do I wish I had been told back when I was just getting into the sport?

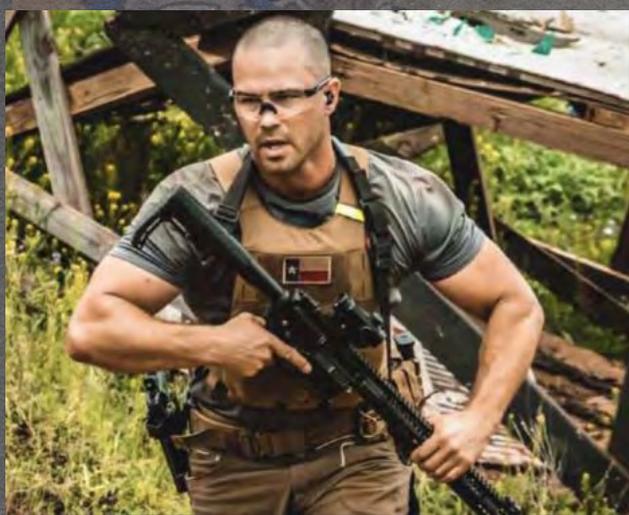
Possibly the one thing I would choose above all else would be to focus on learning the sport and achieving some success before hunting sponsorships and a jersey.

Sadly this is the number one thing newer shooters ask me about, "How do I get sponsors?"... and not: "How to shoot better, how to train better, how to keep your guns running when it counts, not what guns ammo and gear are best?"

I learned this lesson the hard way making every mistake myself and without spending too much time on it ill just say that hunting sponsorships and a jersey early on is a waste of your time and will slow your progress and development as an actual competitor.

Any sponsorship a company might offer to a newer unaccomplished shooter is not a sponsorship worth taking.

Your time and effort are much better spent on getting better and learning the sport.



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**Duco with his handler Rick Hogg  
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# # Tactical Tracking # Talon Wilkinson # Tactical Tracker Training School



In the past, tracking was a skillset only possessed by those who had received training in the military or was minutely discussed in woodland courses that covered a variety of other primary topics.

In the present, visual tracking has grown in popularity in the law enforcement community over the past decade and can now be found from a variety of training venues and vendors across the globe.

As the desire to learn to track has increased in the law enforcement community, so has the misconceptions about the process, the skill set, and the benefits trained trackers can offer their agency.

One of the most frustrating expressions we hear as Tracking Instructors from within our own community is "Tracking is Tracking."

While it is true that the fundamentals of tracking are the same no matter what terrain or environment you are applying them to; the phrase is usually said to dismiss other venues of training.



That line of thought is detrimental to the industry. We as Tracking Instructors should be encouraging our students in the Law Enforcement community to seek as much training as possible, whether it is from our own company or others. You would never hear a Firearms Instructor or SWAT Instructor say that their course was the only course that officers needed to take to be proficient in that skill, and tracking should be no different. Basic tracking fundamentals only provide the student the basic knowledge to track.

After a five-day course, the officer should feel confident that tracking works and is real. The officers should feel confident that they can track an individual through varying terrains, but the officers should also realize that to become a proficient tracker they will need as much training as possible in the months and years to come.

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**The only way to achieve an excellent level of tactical competency is to stress and master the fundamentals. When you can perfectly execute the fundamentals under stress... Well, then you got something.**

**I have a very simple but effective philosophy: There is no-such-thing as advanced tactics! Only perfect execution of the fundamentals under stress! This is the main training philosophy of Covenant Special Projects and Tactical Ranch.**

**It's all about the fundamentals! Master the fundamentals and you are well-trained to master any situation in real combat.**

**You can't control all parameters in the chaos of a real firefight. But you can control how effectively you are in executing fundamental actions, that have been proven as reliable and effective in real combat. I ensure my training cadre and security professionals adhere to it.**

**My approach and thankfully the approach of our trainers at CSP's Tactical Ranch is 100% based in the fundamentals. Whether we are conducting a patrolling and small unit tactics course or a tactical carbine train up.**

**# Tom Buchino**

**COVENANT**  
Special Projects





**# Kontekt Industries**

**# Kontek Industry Day  
at GTI in Barnwell, SC**

## **INDUSTRY DAY 2021 RECAP**

**Kontek Industry Day is a one-of-a-kind annual event for experts in law enforcement, security and defense personnel, and leaders in the nuclear sectors. We pride ourselves in providing a unique experience that is both informative and exciting for everyone involved. This year's Industry Day included two days of networking, keynote speakers, and free tactical training open to all law enforcement, military, DOE, & nuclear security forces. Our event was held at the Government Training Institute in Barnwell, SC.**

## **CARBINE COURSE**

**Billy Barton gave participants a whole new level of training through a live fire instruction course in carbine fundamentals. This training appealed to different skill levels of individuals who were looking to increase their carbine shooting and overall proficiency. Speed and accuracy were two of the main goals of our tactical carbine training. Positional work, basic mechanics, and shooting on the move were some of the topics that were**

**discussed. Although our trainings were done amongst groups, Billy heavily emphasized tailoring his training style in a way that participants benefit more so individually with some taking away different developments than others.**

## **CQB & SHIELDS COURSE**

**The CQB & Shields course was led by James Ergas and Brotherhood For Disruptive Innovation. Participants demonstrated tactical maneuvers while employing shields and pistols throughout our mobile modular shoot house. We walked through the different levels of armor and the categories of shields such as team shields and individual shields. Participants also learned the purpose and methodology to deploying weapons in a timely fashion, understanding what can and can't be avoided, and how to effectively create an environment in which their armor will succeed based on the level of threat they're facing. Static shooting, movement, position of retention, and implementation of both handguns and rifles while handling smaller shields were some other topics discussed in this course.**



## **BREACHER'S COURSE**

**The Tactical Breaching and Explosives course was led by Peter Peterson and Jason Baird.**

**In this course we executed against training fundamentals on the basics of explosive material, how explosives work and how to tactically employ them. We conducted explosive breaching operations that included a linear charge, a water impulse charge, and a bolt charge.**

**A benefit of this training was that participants were able to learn more about both door and wall breaches from offensive and defensive viewpoints.**

**This course also provided our participants with a good sense of how these different types of breaches and charges should look and feel like in person as they gain more hands-on experience. Honestly speaking, this segment of our Industry Day training was an absolute BLAST!**

## **FOF EVENT**

**Towards the conclusion of Industry Day, we transitioned into our highly competitive Force-on-Force event held in the main containment building at GTI. Hell's Hallway at GTI is full of interconnecting rooms that weave through one another making it one of the most difficult and intricate scenarios that an operator will face. The FOF event presented as a culmination of all three of our courses further showing the value of our demonstrations and training within a competitive environment. Participants were separated into groups and each group was given a mission to either protect or obtain a targeted item.**

**Each group had a chance to deploy both offensive and defensive strategies against each other within a scenario-based environment using role players and non-lethal ammunition. Defensive strategies involved Kontek's mobile-modular tactical training wall and offensive strategies involved our BlueRidge ballistic shields.**

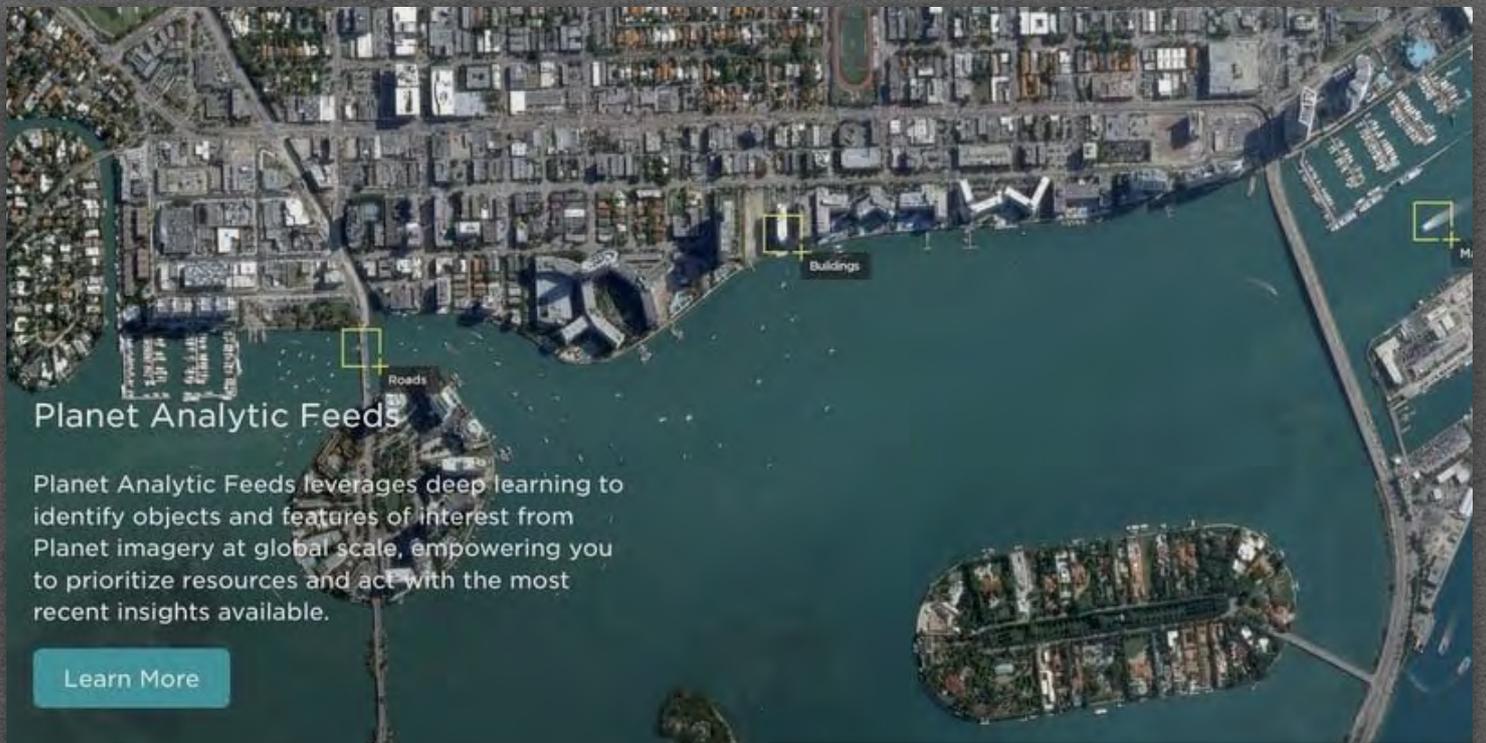


# GTI Training Facility in Barnwell, SC

## WHAT WE ACCOMPLISHED

Each of our courses were three and a half hours long followed by our scheduled lunch and dinner times with an industry breakout session included in day two. One of the most crucial benefits of these courses was the fact that participants were able to train using equipment, locations, and guidance that they typically may not always have access to. Alongside the incredible venue provided by GTI, this event was made possible by our partners; Armor Express, Busch PROtective, LRAD, and BlueRidge Armor. We are glad to be able to provide beneficial training and professional development to everyone who came to join us while also demonstrating the value of our products and services. Contact Kontek Industries if you would like to know more information about our products, services, partnerships, and / or the industries we serve.





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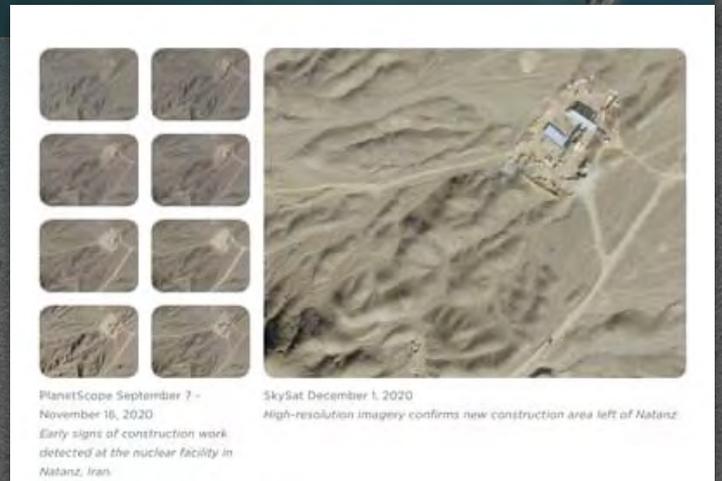
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The Dismounted Operator's Combat Kit (DOCK) solution is the first modular and scalable communications system built for the individual warfighter.

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Many years ago, terms such as "P for plenty" were used frequently in the breaching community.

While statements are based on circumstances and AOR's, they should not be thrown around carelessly in Domestic Operations.

It is no secret the public perception of Law Enforcement is not a popular one these days. So, we must be accountable for every round, grain, or gram that is used on a target.

Several years ago, I was instructing a course and met Justin who is a Green Beret with the U.S. Army. We developed a friendship, we shared ideas and concepts.

Through this relationship, P3D Solutions and the Breach Pop was established. A simplistic, rigid, and very effective housing for energetic material that utilizes a water-based polymer.

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