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Chris "Dutch" Moyer

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Thomas Lojek: Dear Chris, it is great to have you for our new GTI Magazine. Lately, over the past few months, it seemed that things were a little quieter around you. Especially on social media?

Chris "Dutch" Moyer: Yeah, I have been contracting for some time. Recently returned from Afghanistan. I was keeping a low/no social media profile. Nothing that was meant to get out to a public audience or social media.

But now, after a year or so, I am back with some activities that we can share more openly with an audience and also on social media.

Now, I am DCM Consulting Actual on Instagram, with the intention of creating a new/better website and more coming soon.

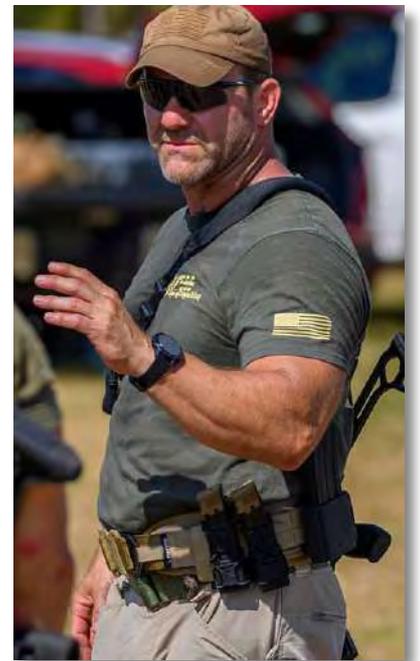
Thomas Lojek: Sounds good. What can we expect from you?

Chris "Dutch" Moyer: Since I started my new social media channel people ask me all the time: "What is your new mission? What is your mission statement?" What I want, what I always wanted, is to help men and women - law enforcement, military, and special Americans folks - to survive the battlefield and the troubled times we find ourselves up against.

Thomas Lojek: And how do you get there? To achieve your goal?

Chris "Dutch" Moyer: Everything is about leadership, mentorship and of course under that umbrella is the combat spirit. So are the disciplines of the Rifle, Pistol, and Close Quarters Battle. I want to help the men and women who fight the good fight everyday on the battlefield to survive - using my experience from the thousands of real close quarters battles that I have done.

Thomas Lojek: You have a long history in special operations and you have seen your fair share of



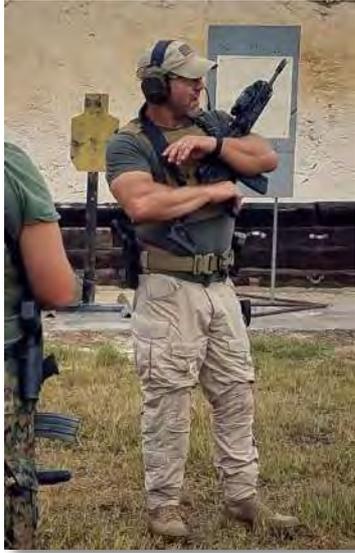
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combat in some hideous places. Is combat changing?

Chris "Dutch" Moyer: Obviously there is an evolution. We have learned so many things through these years. I remember being a "punk ass" infantry man, thinking we were cool doing this stuff that we did then in rifle marksmanship and up-drills.... especially up-drills... Now, I know, the evolution of all this has changed. The experience of combat lets you see the evolution



Photo: Chris Dutch Moyer



of how you should train. For example, the evolution of your weapon system. What completes your weapon system: You, of course. And the ammunition as well as the rifle or the pistol - all three of these things - they become the system

Thomas Lojek: So your teachings are evolving. Do they move forward in a kind of constant evolution?

Chris "Dutch" Moyer: Of course. You evolve, you learn, or you will end up dead. No other way. My promise to you: While you are looking at DCM Consulting on Instagram or when joining our real-life training - we are doing it for professionals and those that want to be taught by a trusted agent.

Our content will be professional. We want answers, ideas, and remarks that are professional. We don't want trolls and jackasses. We will remove them. I have staff checking all that mess, and we will boot you off the page.

Thomas Lojek: What kind of audience do you want to have around in social media and later as participants in your training?

Chris "Dutch" Moyer: To make it clear: If you come with a professional background and you have a professional attitude - you are welcome.



I will push professional content to our audience. And if I can't train you, I will push you to trusted agents. Good people who are understanding what the hell they are doing on the range. Real leaders who know what has to be done in these "very interesting times" we are living in.

This will be professional. We talk about classes, we talk about techniques, we talk about tactics. Will we talk tactics in an open format like social media? Probably not. Never underestimate the enemy's ability to Google or to web search or whatever they use. I hope everyone understands that.

But if you want help in anti-sex trafficking: come on board. You want to protect your family: Come on board. You want to get better as a law enforcement officer on the streets: Come on board. If you want to compete and finish well in Tactical Games: Come on board.

If you want to compete and finish well in whatever selections qualification course you wish to attend, we will help you. That is what we wanna be all about. Helping great Americans.

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Mass Population Vehicular Operations

The Back Story: Peering out a small window of the HC-130 Combat Shadow on its approach to the Chittagong Airport, the waters below were colored muddy brown and dotted with hundreds of dead cattle, bloated and floating for what seemed like miles in all directions. Why were there dead cattle floating in the ocean?

Inside the belly of the Combat Shadow, my teammates slept on top of the pallets of relief supplies or were stretched out on the uncomfortable nylon troop seats courtesy of the US Air Force.

As the aircraft began its descent, the Load Master woke everyone up and told us to get our seat belts fastened for landing. It felt as if we had been on this plane for days and I could sense that everyone was looking forward to getting on the ground soon.

As everyone checked weapons and quietly secured their individual gear, I could feel the calmness of thought in all 35 of us, the newly established Damage Assessment Response Team, or DART of the 1st Battalion, 1st Special

Forces Group. The aircraft hit a couple small bumps in the sky on its downward path towards the airport, but there was no worry amongst us.

The USAF 17th Special Operations Squadron crew were masters of this aircraft and over the years we had developed a remarkably close working relationship with them, and we trusted their skill in flying completely.

The landing was sudden and without hesitation the Load Masters began to open the rear ramp of the aircraft. The outside light began to pour into the plane as the ramp opened, but so too did the outside air bringing with it the smells of death, humidity and rotting cardboard. The pilots soon brought the plane to a stop near the recently defunct air traffic control tower.

Just a few days earlier, on 29 April 1991 one of the most powerful cyclones ever recorded hit the region, and Chittagong was directly in its path. Cyclone 2B (later named Marian) packed winds of 160 miles an hour and created a 20 foot storm surge that left a high-water mark on the air traffic control tower walls at a height of 15 feet.

It was estimated that 130,000 to 145,000 people were dead or missing and over 2 million homeless with no food, shelter or potable drinking water. Welcome to hell!

I was the first American off the plane and the first thing I noticed was a half dozen or so Soviet supplied MIG-21s piled together in a heap at the edge of the runway and total destruction of almost everything in sight. The smell was horrid and there was a very large crowd of people grouped beyond the immediate carnage, being held back by security personnel with large sticks.

A tall man wearing western clothing was moving with haste towards the aircraft and was immediately greeted by our boss who had un-assed the aircraft behind me. It was our US Embassy liaison from the



Military Assistance Advisory Group (MAAG) in Dhaka.

“Bewley, you and your commo guys grab your shit and load up with the Major here and get commo established with the world. Also, collect everyone’s weapons as the ambassador does not want us armed for some fucking reason, and lock them up in the Marines armory at the embassy!” my boss commanded. WTF? No guns in this apocalyptic waste land?

I was soon sitting next to two of my SF commo guys, jammed tightly in the backseat of a Toyota Land Cruiser, with all our gear and weapons filling the rear of the vehicle.

The Major was in the front with a local Bengali driver and the vehicle slowly began the trek towards the US Embassy, an estimated 6 hours away in the capitol city of Dhaka.

The guards with big sticks rapidly began swatting people upon our approach and established an initial parting of the human sea so that our vehicle could slowly pass through this newly established opening.

Initially it did not seem too challenging as the security personnel with the big sticks were beating the people who were directly in front of the vehicle which made an unhindered pathway for the vehicle to move. Suddenly, however, the guards with big sticks disappeared within the crowd and the pathway began to collapse upon itself.

People were immediately pressed up against all sides of the vehicle, their faces etched with hunger, thirst and hope that the Americans were

bringing them life. Dirty hands clawed at the vehicle desperately hoping for a morsel of food or something to drink, something they had probably not had in many days.

Hundreds of people were now rocking the vehicle, trying to get in through closed windows and doors. It was a pre-cursor to the mass zombie scenes in the TV show the Walking Dead. “Get us the fuck out of here!”

I remember yelling at the driver as he now sat motionless, unsure of how to drive through the mass crowd of people. The Major had somehow positioned his foot onto the accelerator and grabbed the steering wheel from his position in the passenger seat, immediately launching the vehicle forward while clearing the bodies to our front.

The pitiful face of the man who was laying on the vehicle hood pleading for help suddenly vanished, tossed into the crowd as we punched through the endless ranks of the desperate. Mass protests and vehicular assaults Dhaka, Bangladesh

Within seconds, we were past the crowd and onto the main slip road that runs from the airport to highway N1 that

would eventually lead to Dhaka 165 miles up the road.

The road was littered with debris, abandoned vehicles, livestock and an endless tide of the zombies slowly moving towards the airport as the driver once again took control of the vehicle from the Major and began dodging the various road hazards. This same scene was repeated almost daily until redeployment 3 weeks later.

While this was my first experience in Mass Population Vehicular Operations (MPVO), it formed the basis for my teams Tactics, Techniques and Procedures (TTP) when we were operating in like environments or situations around the globe.

Somalia, Yemen, Iraq, Bosnia, the Philippines, Venezuela or the streets of major Democratically led cities within the US (i.e. Portland, Chicago, NY City), to name a few, are examples of similar mass population events triggered by war, revolution, famine, natural disaster or a combination of all.

Operating in these environments safely and successfully requires proper utilization of TTP, planning and preparation.



What if...? When faced with the possibility of conducting mobility/vehicular operations in a potential mass population situation, first and foremost, follow SOF Imperative #1: “Understand the operational environment.” This imperative will drive your actions.



Have you conducted a route recon during movement planning? At a minimum, conduct a map recon of your primary and alternate route and always remember to utilize PACE (primary, alternate, contingency, emergency) planning when possible.

Is there recent intel on protests, mass concentrations of people along your planned route or is there a potential for a flash mob to close a roadway along your route? If protests, roadblocks and mass gatherings are known or possible along your route, change the route! There may be times when assumption of risk (i.e. driving through these protest areas) is required, but if not required...change routes!

Are you in a militarily hostile (semi or non-permissive) environment with clear rules of engagement (ROE) and a directed mission requiring

speed of movement over security (think Black Hawk Down in the streets of Mogadishu)? If yes, guns are hot and those within the crowds are likely combatants.

Your vehicle is also a deadly weapon, employ it as required. How does a convoy of vehicles differ from a single vehicle? Are you the driver or a passenger? If the driver, there is little concern for a group of combatants standing in the roadway to your front shooting at you...they are merely speed bumps. Keep your head on a swivel...observe surroundings and respond to stimuli rapidly.

Beware of vehicular roadblocks, loss of observation through smoke and fire, channelization into potential ambush zones. Be prepared to change routes immediately. Passengers engage the threat as required, maintain communications and serve as additional eyes for the driver. Down vehicle drills should be Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), practice them!

If the vehicle does go down, do you stay in the vehicle or exit and fight/evade? Conflict areas are known for pulling dead or wounded Americans from vehicles/helicopters and dragging them around cities for a sense of motivation. How are we going to safeguard our dead or wounded within a downed vehicle?

All these questions should be addressed in our SOPs and practiced until second nature. I am sure everyone remembers the Blackwater guys hanging from a bridge in Iraq a few years back? Are you traveling in soft-skinned, low-level vehicles or full up B6/7 armored vehicles with run flats? The type of

vehicle helps with survivability when shit hits the fan. That said, however, I have maneuvered through areas in local low-level soft-skinned cars without issue, while the nice, armored vehicles were IED and bullet magnets.

Have a standard recovery kit in all vehicles: fire extinguishers, straps, chains, jacks, etc. to pull a downed vehicle out of a hot area if needed. Equipment destruction plan for installed comms, weapons or equipment that cannot be rapidly removed from a downed vehicle. Is there a QRF if things get bad? These are just a few things to think about while in this operational environment.

Are you in a humanitarian or law enforcement environment where your actions could bring discredit upon your mission or organization by driving aggressively through crowds possibly causing injury or death to those that you are tasked with saving or protecting (think previous Bangladesh story or police trying to quell the riots in Portland)?

Or are you a law-abiding citizen legally driving in your city with your family and a spontaneous protest erupts around you? If yes, the mass population surrounding you is not normally a sea of combatants, but protesters or agitators.

They can still cause grave consequences to movement and to your safety. We do not need to look far back in our history to find adequate case studies; riots in Watts, LA, Chicago - to our current unrest on the west coast, Minneapolis, Washington, DC. Or what about the unrest and criminal activities post hurricane Katrina?



Top: Brian Bewley

Protests may start off as a peaceful demonstration for social justice/reform or complaining about the slowness of government response to a natural disaster can suddenly ignite into full rioting, with mass property damage, burning buildings and cars, looting, assaults and yes, murder.

Images of Reginald Denny being pulled from his truck and having his head smashed with a brick, police slain while they sit in their cars or major highways being closed to traffic due to human blockades seem commonplace in our 24 hour news-cycle of today.

Our police and citizens caught up in this mayhem are trying to figure out their response; their TTP... "what must I do if I am suddenly surrounded by mass protesters?"

Can I shoot the protesters if I am in fear for my life?

Can I drive through protesters if they are illegally blocking my vehicle?

These are just a few of the questions I receive almost daily. I refer everyone back to SOF **Imperative #1...Understand the operational environment.**

MPVO Tips of the Trade: Planning, preparation and a bit of TTP to keep you and your family safe...

1. Stay informed of any protest activity, location and movement in your area. Social media, the local news and even some cell phone apps such as Google Maps will alert you to the potential of unrest. Brief your family before departing of what is going on in the area and what actions to take should the protests occur while in transit. Have kids use the bathroom **BEFORE** you depart. **Unscheduled potty stops can be dangerous in protest areas.**

2. Ensure the vehicle is properly stocked with emergency items such as first aid kits, jumper cables, flashlights, a small Get Home Bag with water, food and survival items and self-defense weapons (non-lethal/lethal). Cell phones should be fully charged or have charging blocks within the vehicle.

3. Pre-plan routes to your destination and return, including a primary route, alternate route at a minimum.

Use car GPS for quick referencing of location and alternate routes. If protest areas are shown along your routes, change direction and avoid at all

costs. Keep car fueled up to a full state. If you need to refuel, choose a primary and alternate fuel stop along your route. If the trip is long, preplanned rest and feeding stops should be coordinated to the greatest extent possible.

4. Seat belts are always worn, doors are always locked, windows are always up. Use vehicle air conditioning in the RE-CIRCULATE position. If legally authorized, maintain firearm in a concealed carry position. I personally place my pistol under my right thigh (I am right-handed), grip towards center console. This allows me quick access to my pistol, and it is not caught up in the seatbelt if I had to draw from my typical appendix carry position.

I have had plenty of civilians tell me that if I slam on my brakes, the pistol will fly onto the floorboard and will complicate things. This makes me smile as this will NOT happen and having driven armed in some of the most austere places on the globe, this works for me.

5. Drive defensively with at least 2 car lengths between you and the car in front of you so you have plenty of time to react to a rapidly changing situation around you. Of course, today's drivers may try to fit their car in





this 2-car space, so be prepared. Always look for an out. If something happens directly in front of you, you must plan quickly to stop, change lanes, change direction, pull onto sidewalks, conduct J turns, etc.

When coming to a stop on a city road, leave sufficient space that you can maneuver the car out of traffic if needed. You have planned, prepared and avoided all protest areas, great job! What if Murphy (of Murphy's Law fame) raises his head and you suddenly find yourself surrounded by a flash protest mob?

1. The passenger must immediately dial 911 and describe mob size, location, activities and that you are in fear for your life and the life of your children. Most laws state that you cannot intentionally run protesters over in your vehicle. However, in this situation where I have my family with me, I am not going to let the violent crowd dictate if my family and I get to live.

The driver will attempt to slowly navigate from the area if possible. Do not stop! if necessary, gently nudge people that are in your vehicles path out of the way. If they jump onto your hood, continue slowly

forward until clear of crowd and then accelerate.

The hood ornament(s) will soon regret their decision to hop aboard when that the speeding vehicle stops, they jump off, or your sudden breaking loosens their grip on the hood. If they are hitting the cars windows with their hands, not much will occur, but bats, poles, bricks or emergency responder window breaking pens can lead to window breakage.

Side and rear windows are safety glass and will shatter readily. Do not push this shattered glass out, as it will still offer a layer of protection from the protesters outside the vehicle attempting to reach through the broken glass to pull an occupant out of the vehicle (i.e. will cut skin quickly).

Once free of the crowd, you can push the shattered safety glass outside of the car so you can see. The windshield is laminated safety glass and has a layer of plastic that will keep it from shattering. It can white out however, eliminating your ability to see.

Should this occur, have your passenger kick the front windshield out so that you can see to your front.

2. Children or passengers should immediately get low into the vehicle, as close to the floor as possible. There is the possibility that armed protesters will shoot at the vehicle as you move through the crowd.

Should a flammable liquid be tossed onto the car, such as a Molotov cocktail, immediately accelerate through the crowd, breaking contact and stopping at least 200 meters from the protesters.

Do not worry about running people over at this point. The 200 meters allows sufficient standoff from your vehicle and the sprinting protesters heading towards your car, to allow you to step out with your fire extinguisher and extinguish the flames. Once the flames are out, immediately get out of the area. 200 meters is also a distance that most protesters armed with pistols will be ineffective.

I also carry 1 CTS HC (heavy cloud) smoke and 1 CTS CS grenade in my emergency kit that can be used to break contact from protesters.

Most people do not have access to these pyrotechnics, but there are alternatives, such as bear/wasp spray that are effective up to about 25 feet.

3. If either being shot at, Molotov cocktails thrown at your car or rocks smashing out your car's windows - these are deadly threats. Faced with a deadly threat, we are generally authorized to protect our lives, the lives of our family and innocent 3rd parties.

Your vehicle can be considered a weapon, use it! Should your vehicle no longer be drivable, or you have been channelized into a road block or ambush with no possibility of escape, you will be required to fight for your life.

Fight from the vehicle for as long as possible. Shoot through doors and glass as needed. Do not extend your firearm outside of the vehicle as it can be taken from you with ease and used against you. When out of ammunition, be prepared to fight with whatever you have and do not quit.

If there is a possibility for escape for you and your family, do it early. Time wasted will bring more bad people to the party, so be prepared to fight your way to shelter or cover from a nearby building.

How do we train for these mass population, mob vehicle assault scenarios? Start with tabletop exercises, walk-throughs, dry fire and eventually live fire training would be a logical training hierarchy for the whole family. Shooting in and around vehicles, within confined space, such as the front seat of a vehicle, shooting through glass and doors are required skills but often not allowed on public ranges.

Qualified training facilities such as Tactical Solutions International, Inc. or its commercial training arm Tactical Training International, have 360-degree ranges, vehicles, specialty venues and real-world experience to provide all requisite skills for MPVO.

As each state is a little bit different in its use of lethal force, we recommend that you check your local laws. There is a lot of case law already in the books on use of deadly force in these situations.

Train, know the law, avoid getting caught up in protest areas but if you accidentally do, in my opinion, it is better to be judged by 12 of your peers than carried by 6.



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How do we build training to ensure the survivability rate of our patrol units rise when the wolves are increasing their violence toward us?



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In today's environment the Law Enforcement Officers role as the Guardian is being tested more and more. Law Enforcement Officers have a need to train more like a warrior in order to provide the public we serve the protection we swore to give.

To this end, training needs to emulate the challenges that our LEOs face. Annual training should include topics such as use of force, de-escalation and community service, but this training is only classroom-based topics that are normally taught in one training class.

These courses are an important part of the guardian mindset but do little to ensure the officer can return home to their families after the tour of duty is complete.

Preparation Is the Best Defense

Today's law enforcement officers need to be more prepared than ever before because they are facing threats never before seen in the streets of America.

Never have LEOs had to worry about being ambushed while sitting in their patrol vehicle writing reports. Therefore, tactical training for patrol officers is more important than ever.

The patrol officer is our true first responder. However, they normally receive the least amount of "High Speed Training".

Most of this training is reserved for the agency's specialty units like SWAT or crime suppression teams. While these units handle situations that exceed the capabilities of normal units, they would not be able to function without the patrol units.

Patrol units should train on topics including advanced firearms skills and counter ambush/fighting from vehicles.

Trainers should incorporate stress inoculation and physical fitness into their training sessions to allow the individual officers to evaluate where their skill level is as opposed to where it should be.

Instructors should have a purpose to their training and not just use off-the-hip training for their sessions.

We, as professional Instructors, need to understand that training should build up to the level in which we expect our officers to be.

Training should have a logical progression to how it is structured and delivered with a standard as the end goal.

The crawl, walk, run method still applies to training. The issue is the patrol units hardly ever get to the point of running because one reason or another.

Photos: Scott Usry at GTI



Practical Training Tips for LEOs

We, as agency representatives, owe it to our brothers and sisters to prepare them to handle the most stressful of situations and survive!

How do we accomplish this? How do we build training to ensure the survivability rate of our patrol units rises when the wolves are increasing their violence toward us?

Below are some of the things we do.

Train your mind. Law enforcement officers need to understand what they can and cannot do when it comes to the use of force. By understanding and following their agency's policies and procedures, it will ensure that they are in compliance with federal and state laws, since the policies and procedures will always be more strenuous. Case law and policies and procedures are the lifeblood of how we do what we do in law enforcement.

Train to failure. Develop training that pushes your students out of their comfort zones and takes students to the brink of failure, so they know their limitations. If you never fail in training, you will never be forced to improve your skills. As

the old saying goes, "I would rather sweat during training than bleed in the streets." This saying holds true in both your physical fitness training and your tactical training.

Be creative. Create training that stimulates your students and makes them engage in the training. Develop training based on real life scenarios. Skills like firearms training should be done not just for qualifications, but rather in situations that may arise on duty. Sitting in your patrol vehicle, shooting from uncommon or alternate positions and shooting on the move should all be part of your normal training routine.

Incorporate scenarios that make your students think about their decisions. Use student-centered feedback to test understanding of the topics being taught.

Final Thoughts

We owe it to our community, our brothers and sisters on the line and our families to be the best we can be. It is not always going to be fun and it may hurt sometimes, but what doesn't kill us will make us stronger. Train hard and always do the right thing even when the right thing is not popular!

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While one may disburse many assets to obtain both human guards and surveillance cameras, as well as spending for high premium insurance policies, these solutions seldom ease the mind as regards the issue of security.

For instance. While your human guard is on a break or at another part of your property, incidents occur. Soon you're doubling the number of guards you require. Still, no

full coverage. So, you add a camera system, but this solution is only helpful for reactive measures, providing recorded evidence after the fact that may lead nowhere. So, you've expended funds, but your valuables were nevertheless stolen.

Now your insurance premiums are up. You have poured more money and assets into security and your primary worry is no longer making money or running a successful operation; instead, you're spending your time consumed with how to avoid the next disaster.

Well, it doesn't always have to go that way. There are many excellent security guards and companies. Sometimes just having the physical cameras on site creates the illusion that your location is being monitored, and that in itself can deter crime.

However, you will always have the uncertainty, the "what if?" Contracts expire, guards call in sick, cameras need maintenance, and all this preys on your mind. While you have apparently saved the time and money, have you really?



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An operator, who goes through an intense combat experience, often discovers something about himself because of that event that can haunt him for a very long time. He discovers “the monster” inside him. This monster was there before, all his life probably.

Maybe the monster was the reason behind certain decisions in his life, his path and his career. It’s an entity, hidden in the shadows, just watching, waiting and planning for a smart escape out of the operator’s subconscious mind, out of the jail of suppression that the operator put the monster in to keep it under control.

A Monster Lurks in the Shadows

And suddenly, one day, during real combat, the monster comes out of the shadows and does what it has to do, what it was waiting to do for so many years.

Is this experience, this lashing out, this monster coming during combat something good or bad....?

It depends. My opinion: It is something vital, something good.

A more civilized man, one who has never faced possible death in the hands of an enemy in front of him, maybe he will deny the monster’s role in life and combat.

But let’s be a little more honest here about life and combat, about this struggle for survival. There are still pathways in this world where darkness lurks and where the line between man and beast is fairly thin.

If you have ever been in war or working in uniform on the night shift in the wrong side of the city, you may know a little about life’s darker paths. Life seldom offers easy answers in these instances when things go awry and when our instincts kick in.

Our brain is a mysterious thing. The full neurological chain reaction that takes over in a survival situation is still not 100% clear to neuroscience.

Our Last Bullet and Best Defense

I would define the monster that we find in ourselves during a real combat as the “extrema ratio” of our brain. It’s the “last bullet,” a neurochemical insurance policy hardwired into our hormones, muscles and brain cells that ensures that everything works together at its peak during these crucial seconds when your survival, your family’s survival, your unit’s survival is at stake.

And this extreme survival instinct includes a human form of monstrosity that is able to kill, to cripple, to wipe out whatever is in front of you.



But this monstrosity has been put into ideological chains and choked into submission by our society and its newer cultural context lately. Unleashing the monster of combat is not culturally acceptable anymore, or at least not in certain ruling parts of our society.

This cultural dominance over an otherwise natural phenomenon, even if we call it a monster, puts people who experience it during a life-threatening situation into a dilemma. They have met their own “monster,” but even if it has saved their life (or the life of their family or their unit or the victim of a crime), they need to reject and deny it.

People around them, perhaps well-meaning, urge them to quickly forget what they have seen in themselves and their actions for a moment... Because of this, whenever the

monster re-emerges, they feel a harsh, uncomfortable sense of shame.

Subduing the Warrior Within?

No, please, no. Dear operator, police officer, soldier: You are a warrior. And a warrior is a warrior. Nothing can change that, not even thousands of years of cultural layers. Left unchecked, these layers affect your thinking and your instincts, creating a war within you.

But the monster is the life vest that shields us when the fog of war rolls in. This monster that lurks in the dark, watching, waiting, never sleeping, is always hungry and always aware of everything around you. It is the best of you when you choose to take the path of the warrior, but only if you allow the monster to be what it is when it is necessary... and if

you are able to keep it at bay if there is no need to let it run free.

Here is the truth, plain and simple: In a real fight, when lives are at stake, we must be able to transform ourselves into highly efficient, accurate cold-blooded killers. There is no way around this. Please, understand: What we are talking about, facing the beast within and letting it do what it has to do, is not only what warriors do as a profession, it is what warriors are.

Like it or not: We are beings made and trained to kill. To be monsters if necessary.

And then to put the monster back into the box after the fight is over. Some do it well. Some don't. But it doesn't change the nature of what we are and what is the call of our profession.



The Beginning and the End of All Things

The acceptance of our life vest, the monster, is the real beginning of the work for us. It is our Alpha and our Omega. Everything starts with it and ends with it.

For you, as a warrior, real peace begins when you have learned what you are capable of. And when you know when it is the right time to do it and when it is not.

The peace of a true warrior happens when his inner monster makes peace with its existence without giving up its teeth and claws.

I know that this is not politically correct. I would certainly be censored on social media or in other publications for saying so... But not saying it doesn't change reality and it doesn't change the reality for anybody who has lived through a monster experience.

The warrior knows deep inside that the monster is real. The warrior also knows that the monster is always dreaming of once again finding itself in a situation that allows it to do what it came into existence to do.

Only a hypocrite, who hasn't taken a good look into his true nature as a man, denies this. If you fear the beast within, it will prey on you in the form of your own fears. Or in the form of criminals and the bad guys who smell your weakness... your self-chosen weakness.

Learning to Harness and Control the Monster Within

The point here: For a normal person, the point of life is to not cross the line. For a warrior, it is to control the line. In other words, the warrior pushes it when necessary for the good of his own people and keeps it under control when it's not. Only training gives the warrior the skills to know when to cross the line and when to leave things alone.

But today, the line between a correct survival reaction and committing a crime is very thin, especially within our modern legal framework. More often than not, the defender faces more legal trouble than the aggressor, especially in law enforcement.

This development has a history and has built up over the past few decades. The great confusion started when our

governments decided that military operations have to look more like police operations rather than a war (Iraq, Afghanistan etc).

Policymakers started to soften war with strict rules of engagement and sold an image of soldiers as good guys carrying a weapon but winning a war with soft skills to the public. On the other hand, police had to carry out more and more militarized operations in our own cities at home, because they faced a rise in heavily armed, highly violent and sometimes near-militarized forms of organized criminality and terrorism.

The lines between operations, law enforcement, military combat and war started to blur, and caused a lot of confusion, because the operators' identity in all branches of armed forces became unclear - to the public and sometimes to themselves.

Blurring the Lines

Sure, we all know the classic definition: A soldier is born to kill. A cop is born to protect and to serve. But how do we look at it when a cultural shift in a society asks the military to be more "friendly" and more like the police while the police have to become more like operators as we know and expect in the military?

All this was getting very confusing and difficult from an identity standpoint. And this made the instrument use of force difficult to apply, later in the field for everybody, including trainers, superiors, and the guys on the streets, no matter if we are talking about a warzone or an urban crime scene.



It is not like it used to be during the Cold War anymore, when everything was in order and everything had found its righteous space on the shelf of what we call combat.

Recalibrating Our Defenses

What we can do about it? To become better at handling life-threatening incidents and getting our guys home safe while allowing them what they have to do without getting overboard or making them lose themselves in a psychological cultural war?

Well, I don't have an easy answer for you. But I think that it has less to do with change rather than with allowing finer forms of recalibration in understanding what we really are and not so much about what we should be. It's also about learning to adapt accordingly to any critical combat experience long before we face the real problems on the battlefield.

And for that, my main point remains. Our animal instinct must be preserved. We need to

cultivate our battle instincts through training and the right mindset.

First of all: No sense of guilt! Did you kill somebody during your duty? An enemy? A criminal? Good. You are great and you have passed the test of life... and that is: Kill or be killed.

Killing is a high probability in our line of work and it is a part of the job. Born, made or trained, a warrior is warrior.

If you take up a weapon, or if you put on a uniform in the morning, then you are in the business of killing. Plain and simple.

That has been the rule for thousands of years in human history. The actual Zeitgeist won't change that. So make peace with the probability of killing. Or get another job.

Challenging the Status Quo

Social media is our enemy now. And every operator should be aware of how it works against

him. The big media corporations are in the hands of people that are against law and order.

And these media groups are pushing an agenda that wants to change the fundamental paradigm of what we are: soldiers, police officers, operators.

Social media platforms are controlled by corporations that want to destroy patriotic feelings and the more traditional social structure where hierarchy and order have an active role in how we manage conflicts.

Today's Zeitgeist follows the ideal of creating a new social structure where an utopia of no borders and no police will create a new world, but not for humanistic reasons but for creating a planet of customers.

The times we are living in are maybe the worst in history for our military and law enforcement. Many in our society are pushing the idea forward that the military and cops are murderers.

Every day we see ridiculous interviews in the media where we have even high-ranking cops and military personnel talking nonsense and justifying themselves in a very articulate and acrobatic way just to please public opinion.

We have cops and other clowns with LGBT shirts dancing in the streets to show the public that we have successfully humanized our armed forces. Okay, here is a surprise for you: all this acrobatic rhetoric and all these LGBT or BLM stories on Instagram or Facebook will not save the security forces from deterioration.

Because the ideology that is undermining the essence of what it means to be a soldier or police officer is widespread and in full effect. It will get worse before it gets better.

The Spirit of the Times

The price of this Zeitgeist is very high. Those people who are

pushing to defund the police or for no armed forces don't want a free world without crime and guns in the streets.

These people want to be the police, at least in their sense of ideological superiority. They want to make the rules. Or they want to be the only people who are allowed to carry weapons, because they have an agenda - criminal, ideological, or just a twisted sense of anarchy and hate.

This is not a freedom movement. This is a power game of who rules the streets, and it is widely and very effectively played by manipulating the public opinion. So, we are facing interesting times, just to paraphrase the old Chinese word (Or is it a curse?).

Against all ideological barriers we need to see the truth: We have to develop our ability to fight the good fight. Maybe today more than ever.

And one aspect of being ready to fight is feeding the monster in yourself and to develop a strong belief in a final victory. Maybe you can put me into the category of being just a mad lunatic, and I am fine with it, but for me, now... today, this is the real fight between good and evil.

It is happening right now, right on our watch. And the worse evil of all is now inside of our countries, inside the minds and hearts of our public opinion.

Dangerous Trends: The Enemy Within

Another point I would like to address is the need to limit social media exposure in our line of work for tactical, operator, law enforcement and military training. I have seen too many videos of tactical instructors teaching CQB on Youtube and other sensible information that should have been kept confidential. This is a dangerous trend and can expose





those of us in the industry to highly dangerous and lethal threats, inside and outside of our countries.

Islamic terrorist groups or domestic terrorist groups like Black Lives Matter or Antifa will do reverse engineering on our tactical skills. And with this huge amount of information that they can learn from the social media world, they can conduct more organized and better prepared actions against our military or law enforcement personnel.

We have to expose and condemn tactical instructors who show and explain tactical topics in social media. The only good that they are doing is to their own wallets. And we have to stop this. Fast.

So, we have to make a list of what we need to be better prepared for the difficult future of our profession. We will probably discover that no real politically correct measures appear in our list.

But let's see:

We can be proud of our toxic masculinity - No problem at all, really!

We have to be killers when the situation needs a killer. No sense of guilt when we are on the right side

We need to be smart and show a politically correct face when in need for social reasons, but we have to keep feeding our monster, because the better part of the world needs us to be it, when things get ugly.

Adopting Practical Training Measures Above All Else

What I suggest as a practical advice to increase aggressivity under training conditions: Include reality-based scenarios and remember that aggressivity is not stupidity! We have to learn to handle the switch that puts us in monster mode and back.

Include in our weekly training routine heavy contact sports like MMA. It will increase our aggressivity and self esteem. MMA is a very tough sport and the blood in your mouth will wake up many sleeping monsters.

Aggressivity is a natural and productive mindset for warriors, and it must have its space in every single stage of

the training - from the shooting range to the kill house. People who only line up on the shooting range and do not face muscular and aggressive challenges do not dominate their weapons, their equipment and most likely won't dominate a real situation when they face it.

Our students must be pushed through a proper induction and learning process. They have to learn to dominate what they carry and what they do.

A gun is not a banana, and a gun must be controlled, under any condition. Otherwise the gun will control us. And this never ends well.

Many scientific studies confirm that a good respiration technique is the basis for stress control. I am not talking about Instagram Yoga nonsense, but about real-life applications for combat. You breathe. You live. As long as you breathe, the fight goes on.

Don't underestimate the natural basis of the warrior business. Your capacity to breathe well can make a difference in how long and how good you fight. If you have the best tactical gear, but you can hardly breathe, you will die on the battlefield. Simple as that.

I'm a big fan of teaching breathing techniques, and I am pushing my respiration lessons constantly through my courses.

And I have witnessed impressive and very fast improvement of reaction, reaction and skill level, even with operators who were unaware or even critical about the importance of better breathing for operational work.



Defining Who We Are as Warriors

Details make the difference, and we really have to give to our training programs a holistic approach to overcome the modern challenges of our today's battlefields - from the night shift as a police officer to the bloody battlefields of the next forever war. It won't get easier for you in the upcoming years.

At the end of the day, we want to give to our operators all the instruments to read and interact in the best way in any scenario that they will face. We can't create standardized and mechanical soldiers. And we shouldn't try.

But we can help high IQ individuals with a willingness to fight to understand better how and when to unleash the monster and what is the best way to interact with the environment. And then, when it's all said and done, when to close the cage of the monster again.

The cognitive aspect is more effective than the robot effect. Holistic is the new word. Please guys: Do not only focus on guns and plate carriers, but also on good quality training based on evidence and real data in science. The monster is there. Make it work.

But make it work well. Long drag marches with rucksacks are good in a military selection pipeline, but a daily rucksack march will destroy a soldier in a very short time...

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Usually when I'm asked to write these sorts of articles, I respond with a variation of an article that I've been writing for 15 years or so. I start out with statistics demonstrating the lethality of motor vehicles for both professionals and the general population.

I follow up with data demonstrating clearly that well-taught and practiced car control skills have a huge positive impact on safety. Then I'll get into a discussion of "tactical mobility" and what that means in the real world. But lately I've been feeling like a dinosaur just waiting for the asteroid. This is why.

Cars and bikes are loaded with automatic safety systems, now, automatic braking, active cruise control, lane departure warnings, blind spot warnings, and in some cases, full autonomous operation. Within a few years, autonomous operation will mature and become more common, even in tactical environments.

Within another few years, autonomous operation will become the norm. But we're not there, yet. Despite the impact of semi-autonomous safety systems, vehicles are still incredibly lethal for professionals and the general

population alike, both in the States and globally. It will probably be decades until autonomous systems are the norm around the world.

I'm lucky in a way. My own demise is likely to coincide with the demise of the human operator. So I've got a few good years left of teaching high-performance driving for tactical environments.

I've got a few good years left of value and doing what I love: Tactical Drivers' Training / Tactical Mobility.

In our world—learned from the special operations community over many years—there is really no such thing as tactical mobility. There is only driving well in any vehicle, on any surface, at any speed.

Before anyone can execute tactics effectively, they must be proficient with the tools at their disposal. For your primary weapon, you've spent countless hours on the range, in shoot houses, and classrooms.

You are proficient with your primary weapon, your lifeline.

Despite the lethality of motor vehicles, we spend little time training driving.

Although we use the term tactical mobility in our marketing, as many other training companies do, truth be told it's tough for us to use that term with a straight face.

Most imagine tactical mobility as J-turns, PIT maneuvers, ramming ... jumping your ride off a pier into a departing ferry. There are a plethora of life-saving skills that can and should be taught and practiced before those techniques of last resort.

Behind the wheel, however, your vehicle is your lifeline. Your lifeline. Despite the lethality of motor vehicles, we spend little time training driving.

The general perception is that it's easy to operate a motor vehicle. To operate a vehicle is relatively easy. But it's a learned skill to drive at or near the physical limits of any given situation. Operating a vehicle is easy. Driving well, effectively, and safely is not. Those skills need to be taught.



I'm not a soldier, never have been. However I have been working with the special operations community for many years. I listen to my students. Many of these soldiers also become our instructors.

Out of this collaboration our basic philosophy has become learn the fundamentals of high-performance driving because these skills are effective in all vehicles and environments. The knowledge is easy to impart.

With knowledge, however, students need experience to become effective drivers. And this experience can only come by driving (a lot) under adult supervision. We spend very little time in the classroom. Most of our time is spent on the range with a variety of vehicles, environments, and surfaces.

A few personal real-life examples

As I wrote above, I'm not a soldier, never have been. But I have been traveling in South America for more than 20 years, including Colombia when it was

really interesting as a gringo to travel by land. I love South America. So, please don't let the following anecdotes characterize that continent. They're just good examples of real-life lessons.

EXAMPLE 1

There's a large capital city that sits in a bowl surrounded by mountains where many satellite cities and communities are located. Connecting these communities to the capital are multi-lane arterial highways, which are often mired in traffic.

Over many miles stretch bumper-to-bumper cars, stopped much of the time or only creeping along. Then traffic will move for a bit until it bogs down again, much like any urban center in the States.

However, unlike the States, here you can watch folks stroll down out of the hillside communities, pistols in their hands, preparing to rob those same cars stuck in traffic.

I sat there one day many years ago, watching the banditos

approaching. My "mad" driving skills meant absolutely nothing. There wouldn't be a damn thing I could do when they got to me.

I am not going to ram my way out or push miles of cars out of the way. I could not Jason Bourne this. Dumb luck saved me. Traffic started to move before my number was up.

EXAMPLE 2

Also on a downhill highway leading to a large city but a different country, I was cruising along with the flow of traffic, highway speeds. Traffic was relatively light. It was a six-lane road. At the time, one of the tactics the bad guys employed was to cause an accident then rob those involved.

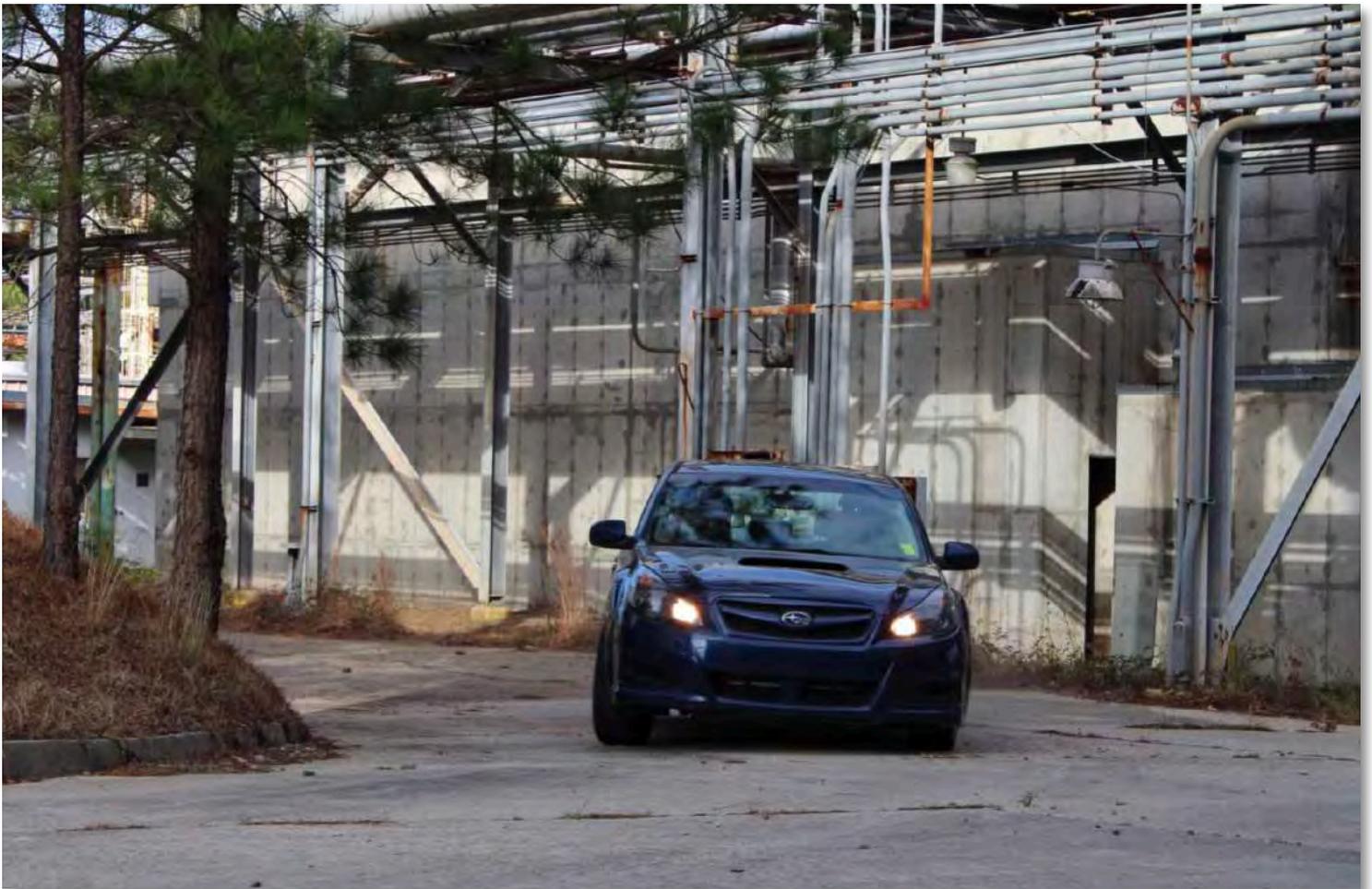
A common method was to cut in front of someone, slow, then hit the brakes hard to cause a rear end collision.

Now, did I know this at the time? Maybe. Maybe I had read it somewhere. But that knowledge had nothing to do with what came next. Out of the corner of my eye I caught a four-door Dacia sedan scream by on the right. It swerved in front of me as the brake lights came on. Without hesitation I threw the wheel over hard to the right, turned back, got on the power, counter steered and continued on my way. It was over that quick.

But the thing is, I had the confidence to throw the wheel over 90 degrees without hesitation at 65 mph or so. I have no idea if I was about to get robbed or if an idiot just cut me off. I would never find out, but for sure training saved me from an accident that would have disabled my lifeline.



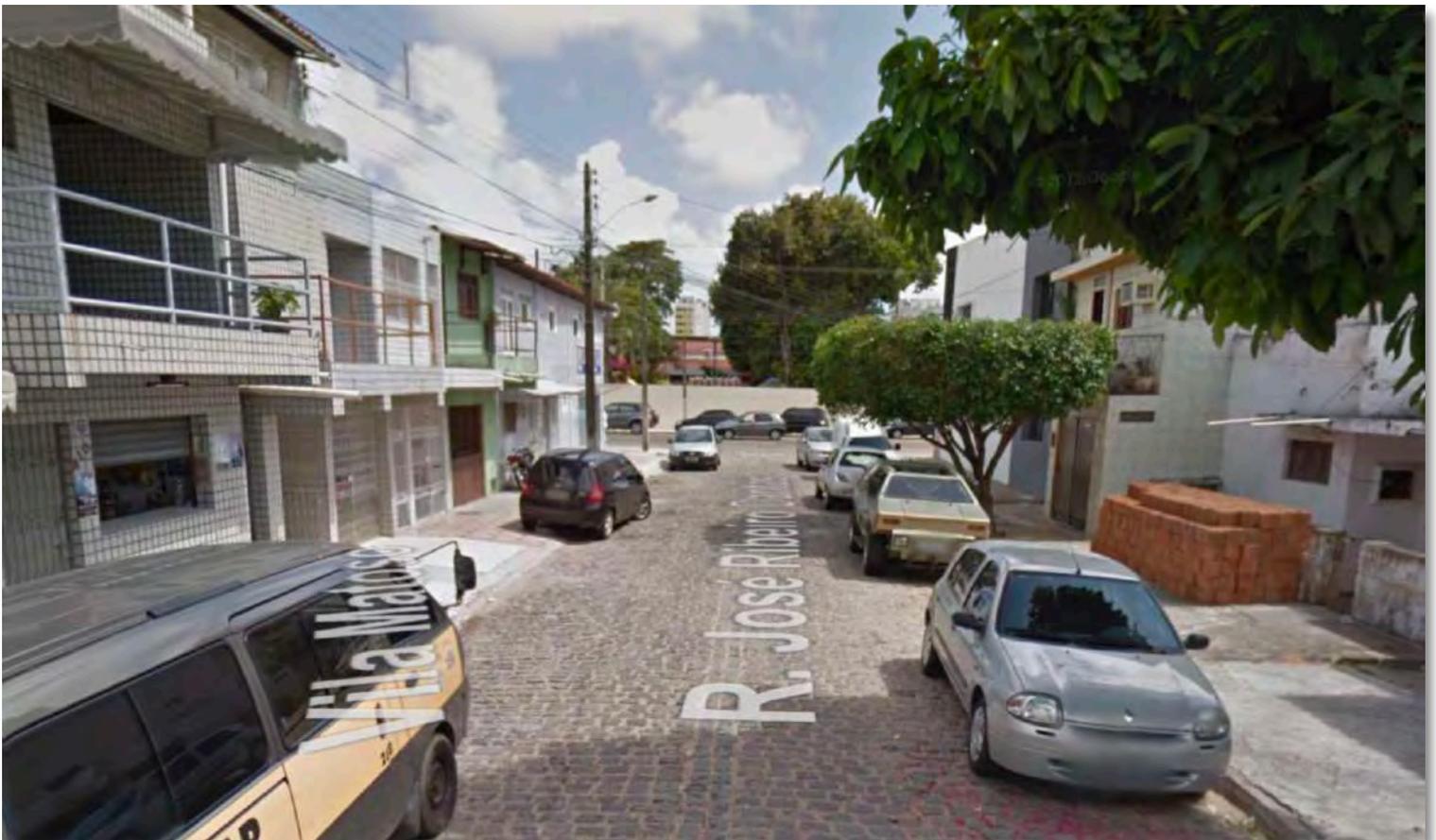
A vehicle at limits. The car is sliding to driver's left. There's some counter steer dialed in. Driver is on the power, transferring weight to the back and killing rotation. His eyes are looking in the direction of travel (not where the car is pointed). All in all, he's in good shape



It's important that students drive on multiple surfaces, both hard (pavement, concrete) and loose (gravel, clay, snow) to develop fundamental skills across environments. It's also important for students to drive in real environments. When the hazards are real students take things a bit more seriously and learn valuable lessons regarding how easy it is to disable your lifeline



Multiple vehicle types driving at speed in low visibility. It's important to us that students switch vehicle types often. Here we have a Yukon, BMW 330xi, and Nissan Frontier. They all have different performance characteristics and students must adapt their driving to the vehicle. It's also important to us that students get comfortable driving at speed close to other vehicles.



Natal, Brazil. In real life very few, if any, drivers could throw a J-turn here and get it right the first time. Yet this road is typical of many around the world. It's a narrow street with hazards on either side and an uneven stone surface. Just the nature of the surface can toss a J-turn off by feet. Even high-speed backing is risky unless it's practiced. For various reasons, a vehicle is generally much less stable when backing quickly. We've had more near rollovers training reversing than any other exercise.



EXAMPLE 3

This was a fun one. I was working with police in Northern Brazil. We had blocked off some dirt roads out in the countryside to work on a few basics.

Their duty vehicles were Toyota Camry's, front wheel drive with a fairly powerful V6. My ride was an impressive GM shitbox sporting a 3- cylinder, 1.0 liter engine, also front wheel drive. We had worked on various things throughout the morning and were having lunch.

As often happens, my students were pressing me to do J- turns and PIT. Since this wasn't a formal training session and we had all these wonderful dirt roads to play on, I made a bet with them. If they could catch me and get close enough to PIT, I would teach them. But if they couldn't then we'd continue working on fundamentals.

There was one caveat, they couldn't chase me until I went by them at 80 kph (about 50 mph). Now, truth be told, my little one liter hatchback may have been faster in the corners.

I was much lighter and, I think, could carry more speed changing direction. The short

story is I didn't have to teach PIT. They couldn't catch me. It wasn't because I'm an awesome driver. It was because they had not yet learned and practiced enough fundamentals.

Even if I were slightly faster than them in the corners, their horsepower advantage should have made short work of me and my one liter hatch.

The point to these stories is that physics are physics. Sometimes the physics of a situation provide you with no driving options.

But if you can exploit the physics of any given situation without exceeding limits, in other words, if you can drive at limits safely, then you have many more options available.

In order to drive at limits, you must learn certain driving skills that, once learned, will make you a much safer driver even when you aren't pushing.

The only way to learn these skills and retain them is through instruction and practice. You need experience.

You need to gain this experience in a safe environment, in a training environment on multiple surfaces with good instructors.

QUICK STATS ON LETHALITY OF MOTOR VEHICLES

- Despite "drivers' training" year in and year out law enforcement motor-vehicle-related accidents kill as many officers as guns do and is always a leading cause of injury. - National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund

- In the long-term, three times as many US soldiers will die in cars

than in combat. - Defense Manpower Data Center

- Even during peak deployments over the past 50 years, about one-third of soldier deaths were motor vehicle related. - Defense Manpower Data Center

- While school shootings are abhorrent, in the United States, we kill 3-4 kids under the age of 16 everyday in motor vehicle accidents.

If all teenagers are included (up to age 19), this number jumps to about 11 kids/day (far, far more than school shootings). - US Department of Transportation

But can car control skills help reduce the number of deaths and injury related to motor vehicles?

In Northern European countries, where true car control skills are taught over a years- long process to full licensure, motor vehicle accidents were reduced up to 20% across entire populations, including people who were licensed before such stringent requirements were mandated.

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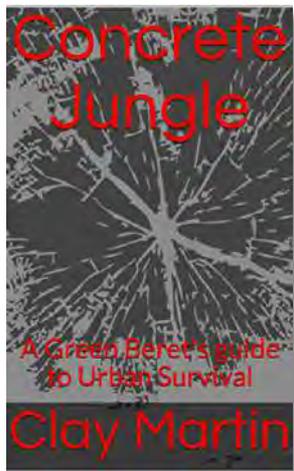
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Former Green Beret about how to survive riots and extreme urban violence



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When I set out to write *Concrete Jungle: A Green Beret's Guide to Urban Survival*, the number one thing I felt I had to do was dispel the myth of one man against the world. I blame Hollywood as well as action thriller novels for propagating this trope, but it really has infected the mind of the modern man to a degree of insanity.

People that have never been shot at really do believe that one ruggedly handsome ex SEAL Team Delta operator turned Secret Service Sniper/ Hand to Hand expert/ hacker can do it all himself, and that they just might have the same luck. And its suicide to try.

Anyone of us that has seen the elephant knows better, and we have a duty to help those that have not in this instance. Ask any SWAT team member if he is willing to make entry all by himself. Ask a Combat Veteran what he thinks his odds are running the streets of Baghdad circa 2007 with his lonesome little gun and witty comebacks. We know that our team mates are combat multipliers, and two is exponentially more than one.

Numbers might not matter past a certain point, but the flexibility and lethality of even three or four is off the chart compared to an individual.

The best analogy I have is thinking about you and your group as a boxer. Let's say the man alone is one arm. I don't care how awesome your jab or right cross is (you only get to pick one). You can be the best jab thrower in the world, and by a significant margin, and you are still going to get layed out. One offensive move, with one half of the ability to cover up, is not ever going to be enough. Against even a fifth rate scrub (in this case the mob) you have no chance.

Teammates / Group members are like the ability to have other parts. A second represents a right hand, so now you can throw combos even if you are flat footed. A third is maybe the ability to bob and weave. A fourth is mobility to get out of the way of punches coming in. And maybe a fifth is like the capability to start throwing Thai leg kicks. Not sporting in this case, which means I like it even better.

The biggest thing you can do in preparing for Urban Unrest is get a team together for mutual support and defense, which is a big chunk of what I provide in the book. I modeled mine from a Special Forces Operational Detachment Alpha (ODA), as in my opinion it offers the widest range of flexibility for what is coming. As things get progressively worse, options are a good thing to have.

This is a book I never wanted to have to write, and certainly not one I wanted to see coming true. But since I put pen to paper in July of 2019, it has basically looked like I had a crystal ball. If my further predications are correct, we are going for a ride that will make our adventures in Iraq look like a day at the park.

The very fabric of our nation is being torn asunder, and the fallout if it continues will be horror on a scale unseen since 1860.

And given the ideological differences and outside influence at play this time, Balkans style terror is probably more the end result.

I don't like this anymore than you do, but we can't just will it away. As we say in the business: Shit in one hand, and hope in the other. Tell me which one fills up faster.

The best move anyone can make right now is to prepare for a worst case outcome. If I'm wrong, and by proxy you are wrong, no big deal. You have a couple case of bottled water in the garage, and some extra bullets to train with over the next year. Maybe some closer friends

you made getting ready, and you can laugh about 2020 together over beers for the next decade. But if I'm right? You will be very happy you took the time to organize. Trust me.

How can you start right now? Maybe get to know your neighbors, and see if they share your concerns. Logically, it is best to have people in your AO on your team. They are available at a moment's notice.

Get some of your shooting or work buddies together, and maybe see what they think. This lends itself to correcting potential logistics problems, as well as bring the subject into the light. It's odd, for sure. But these are odd times.

I tend to shy away from people I meet on the internet, as the book explains in detail. But you may not have a choice. If you start looking for pals on the internet, for God's sake be careful.

The world is full of weirdos, but at this point beggars can't be choosers. And remember, no matter what, the storm will pass. It just might take a lot longer than we expected.



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The 2020 Cataclysm Bingo



As we draw closer to the end of what has been the craziest year in recent history; one can only sit in awe of what has transpired to this point in 2020 and ponder in fear and great wonder at what still hasn't popped up on the Cataclysm Bingo card.

I'm shooting for alien invasion, but I am open to lava monsters or acid spitting flying sharks; I'm easy like that. I mean realistically, if this were a movie, everyone would be saying "this is stupid! There is no way this garbage would all happen, and people would accept it." BUT.... Strangely enough, here we are.

What started out as a good year; quickly hit the Twilight Zone and just kept a goin and the more it went off track, the faster and the more absurd it became.

I remember sitting at SHOT Show and someone is showing us videos of people in China just dropping dead on the street from some crazy virus. We were all like I hope that

crap don't make its way over here but half the vendors at SHOT are from, dun, dun dunnnnnn...yep! CHINA!!! Winner, winner chicken dinner! Well oddly enough, several of us got sick that week.

My friend Casey from Fiocchi recommended some sort of vitamin infusion thing and at the level of ass that I felt like, I was game for anything. Couple hours of an IV and I could function enough to finish my meetings for the rest of the show. This was not the normal SHOT Show flu but some weird crap that kicked your ass for a few days and then kept you coughing nonstop for more than a month but none of us gave it much thought and

we pushed on and it was business as usual. (A little foreshadowing of the COVID over-response. It's almost like; maybe life could have stayed normal if we just let it).

Anyways, everyone left SHOT pumped because the year was shaping up to be epic for our industry and in some cases, it still was (guns and ammo companies crushed it) but for those of us who actually need to have people in proximity to do what we do, it was turning out to be less than ideal. So, within weeks what started on a high note quickly turned south and started picking up speed, morphing into a SHIT Show, so we hunkered down and started to embrace the suck.





The more the days pushed on, the more bizarre it became.

“We must shut down for 2 weeks to lower the curve”. (“cough..bullshit!”)

So, they shut down the world and we had to listen to experts waffle back and forth like a 4-year-old trying to make up a story as to why the dog and the walls are painted with ketchup. After a while of listening, you start to chuckle at the absurdity, but you figure what the hell, let’s see where this goes.

Pretty soon your head is cocked sideways with the dead trout stare on your face as you listen to the contradictions and circle talk and the short story now turns into an epic multi-day after school special of nonsense and fairy tales. The daily reports just numb you as they tried to lull us into the subtle acceptance of martial law; but it is “all in the name of safety”, “for the greater good”.

All the while autonomous zones and rioting with a touch of arson, and hate fueled attacks are applauded in the name or

protest but going to work or places of worship is not. Prisoners are released to stop the spread of the virus, but people are forced to stay locked in their homes to also stop the spread of the virus?

“Quick question but isn’t that counter intuitive? People who are confined are released to go out into the open while those who were free to roam are now confined to stop the same virus?” Then those that opt to open their business so they can survive are then thrown into jail to stop the spread of the virus? (Well unless its Walmart or Lowes because apparently the virus does not like low prices and hates lumber.) “HUH?”

Then we get lambasted with the “new norm” garbage. I could carry on with this for a while but let’s press on to some of the other futilities that found there way into the year. As if to just add insult to injury; the earth decides that just for fun it’s time for a worldwide proctology exam. Australia the ENTIRE continent burns. Worldwide earthquakes,

tsunamis, floods, volcanos, multiple hurricanes at the same time, the entire west coast catches fire! Makes me think of a classic scene from the movie Fletch, I am paraphrasing: Dr. Jellyfingers: “bend over Mr. Babbar and drop your drawers”. Fletch: “I don’t think that’s necessary. WHEW! Uh, you using the whole fist doc?!”

No reason to leave out a good ole poke and tickle from the earth just to show mankind who is actually the most powerful.

We flow so smoothly into the next crisis without skipping a beat; as if it were following some sadistic twisted recipe featuring Soilent Green. All police are touted as evil and people line up with open arms to indemnify criminals and turn them into martyrs. Facts are evil and don’t matter if you can yell loud enough and stand on your own moral high ground, people sheep will follow you. (remember it doesn’t even have to be based on facts). As one of our finest senators said; “I would rather be morally right than factually correct”, and that

really sums up the ideologies we have been dealing with. There is so much being thrown at us, you can't even focus on something before the next dirty diaper is headed towards your face. It literally becomes such a barrage that you don't honestly know what the hell is going on or why or what someone is screaming about on the internet but you can rest assured that someone somewhere has already ordered the T-shirt to memorialize it.

#MeToo is thrown out the window and pedophilia is being pushed as acceptable. It got to such a point of distraction that when the Pentagon officially recognized that we are being visited by races not of this planet; no one batted an eye. Are you shitting me? Aliens are visiting our planet, but "hey that guy isn't wearing a mask on the beach and I hate him so much he should DIE!". "Who cares about aliens! I have to get to Costco and get toilet paper."

Well as all this distraction unfolds there is a push to defund the police and demonizing them is gaining traction. They tie their hands and stop them from being able to arrest criminals for certain crimes, they literally gave criminals get out of jail free cards. All the while they cut agency budgets and removed police presence and then act surprised when the crime rate spikes out of control. "well no shit Sherlock; what did you think would happen? An impromptu bake sale?"

They then have the audacity, No! The idiocy to blame the police for this and guess what? During this game of Cataclysm Bingo, if it fills another spot on their boards, the screaming

hordes nod right along. This reality is so absurd that you would think it would wake people up but apparently the party in their mom's basement went all night and they need to sleep in today.

What all this boils down to is that we are being spoon fed shit while they smile and say its sugar. There is so much wrong right now, you literally cannot digest it all. We still have a few more months left in this year and so there is any myriad of things that could be coming our way but the long and the short of it is; the cure is worse than the disease and its time to return to our lives. Take back our freedoms, our cities and our country and return to our lives and let this "2 weeks to flatten the curve" be done forever!

The chaos is not acceptable, nor should it be. Back our brothers and sisters in blue and stop acting like criminal behavior is acceptable.

We can sit down and talk like adults; make decisions for ALL persons and become ONE NATION UNDER GOD again. Remember September 12, 2001? Ya, lets become that country again.

You can have this game of Cataclysm Bingo because I am done playing. God bless you all and I look forward to the day we can all sit down at GTI and have a beer and look back on all this and throw up in our mouths just a little. Please take care and keep safe!

PS. Do not hesitate to reach out to us if there is anything, we at GTI or ATP can do for you. We are here to help!





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Rich Graham

Full Spectrum Warrior USA

Former Navy SEAL about quick thinking and reaction skills behind the firearm !



Top: Rich Graham

When I work with shooters there are two main things I focus in on:

1. Building the individual's ability to move effectively from behind the firearm, and...
2. Developing the shooter's ability to critically think under stress.

By focusing in on these two specific things, people become more well-rounded shooters, thinkers, and movers behind their weapon. 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.

Many times the shooting world's focus is in on shooting fundamentals: the actual aspect of shooting the gun. Through this mindset, we have developed many shooters to be extremely fast at performing magazine changes while engaging multiple targets.

Things of that nature are beneficial, but one area I feel is personally lacking is the individual's ability to critically think under stress.

The downside to this is we have a bunch of really fast and accurate shooters who lack the ability to process information as fast as they are able to deliver rounds down range.

Many significant problems can develop if you are breeding a culture of shooters who cannot think or react while they're shooting.

Therefore, 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.

By setting up mental obstacles, the individual is forced to slow down to a pace that's slower than they are used to shooting at, but at a pace more appropriate to their ability to process the information they are receiving.

In doing so, shooters receive, analyze, and process the data to make specific judgement calls or decisions to best engage a target. Where this becomes significantly important is an active-shooter situation where those responding need to process info quickly and respond effectively rather than just bursting in guns blazing.



Left: Training with Universal Shield

Right: Rich Graham



Here in America, in an active-shooter situation we have seen a rise in armed-citizens attempting to help or work alongside law enforcement officers. Most of these settings are highly populated areas with a lot of moving parts involved.

I have worked with law enforcement agencies and private citizens around our country to develop the two main training focuses: the ability to critically think under stress and the ability to move your body behind the firearm.

The ability to assess the situation and make proper judgement calls first before engaging is critical to avoid putting someone in a position where they shoot first and then realize “Oh man, I shot the wrong target!”

The ability to move your body behind the gun allows those responding to situations to move in and around crowds, through buildings or debris, or simply to move to find better cover from the target while moving into better positioning to take down the target.

In my classes, once we have developed a foundation for students to work on, we then transition into developing their ability to move better and faster.

For almost ten years now, my business partner Greg Mihovich and I have been working on a program we call the “Combat Mobility System”.



This program works to arm a stationary shooter with the skills necessary to properly move with their firearm from position to position working angles to reduce the chance of injury from contact with the ground or other objects they might use for cover or concealment.

access the opponent for weaknesses in his movement or fighting style. As you can imagine someone glued into one position without the ability to assess and analyze information wouldn't last long. Sure they could still use their fists to fight but their ability to do so effectively would be minimal.



Rich Graham

The best example of this is to think about how a boxer or mixed martial artist fights. One of the first things they learn to do when they begin training isn't how to punch or strike but how to move their body. Footwork and movement are fundamental and key. Trainers really hammer this home because it is the foundation for success. We do not see this much in the firearms world, but instead see a lot of people shooting stationary and focused in on the fundamentals of firing the weapon, becoming accurate, and so on. What is significantly lacking is the ability for that individual to move and think on their feet.

Transition this scenario to shooting. If we took a stationary shooter and blindfolded them, most high-level shooters with good fundamentals and accuracy could probably still hit paper. However, just like the fighter in the ring, the shooter lacks the ability to think under stress, then receive and analyze new info, and to move his or her body in and around the target. Technical skill will never overcome one's ability to think and move his or her body in any situation.

Imagine how long a fighter would last if we sent him into the ring with his feet glued into position, without the ability to

This brings me to a saying we have here in the States. There's a gun control joke that goes like this: "I left my firearm out on the front porch for a week and it didn't shoot anybody. Guns don't kill people; people kill people with guns." There is truth to that, but also truth to the fact that the

Images: Rich Graham



firearm is only as good as the person who is behind it.

A Samurai's sword is sharp, and it can cut, but the difference is, the Samurai sword is only as effective as the person who is wielding it.

It takes finesse rather than just a baseline knowledge of how to point a gun and pull a trigger. The Samurai is a warrior and his success comes from his fitness mobility, technical skillsets, and critical thinking under stress.

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

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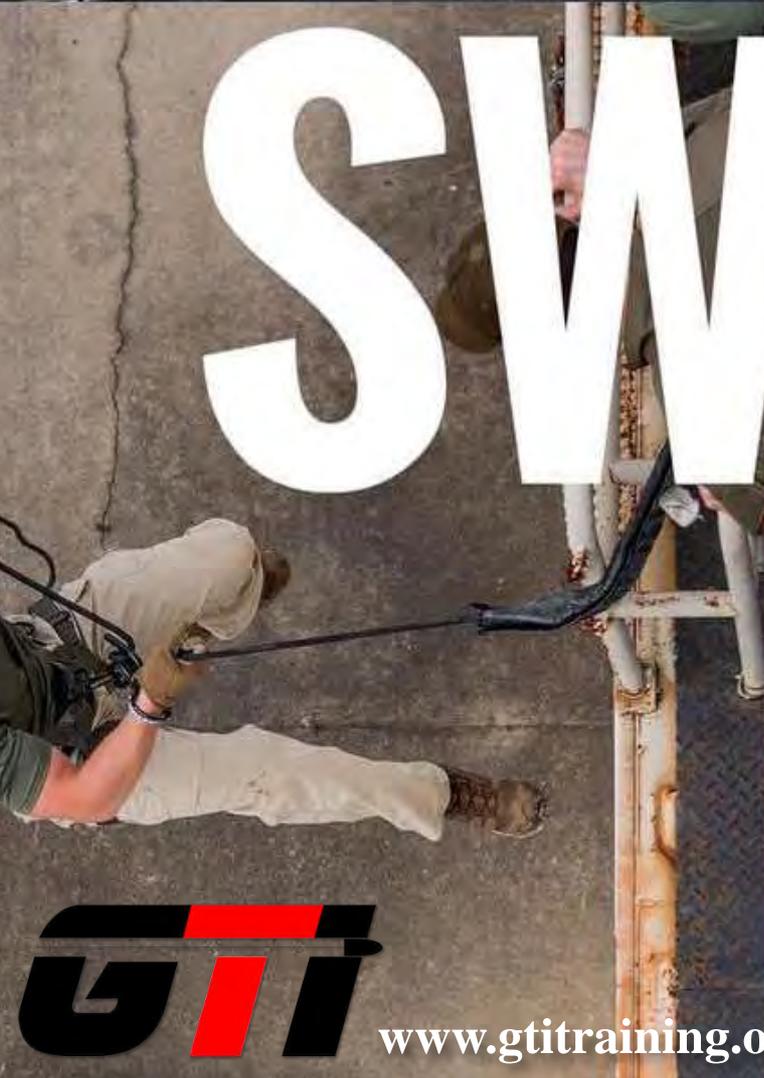


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