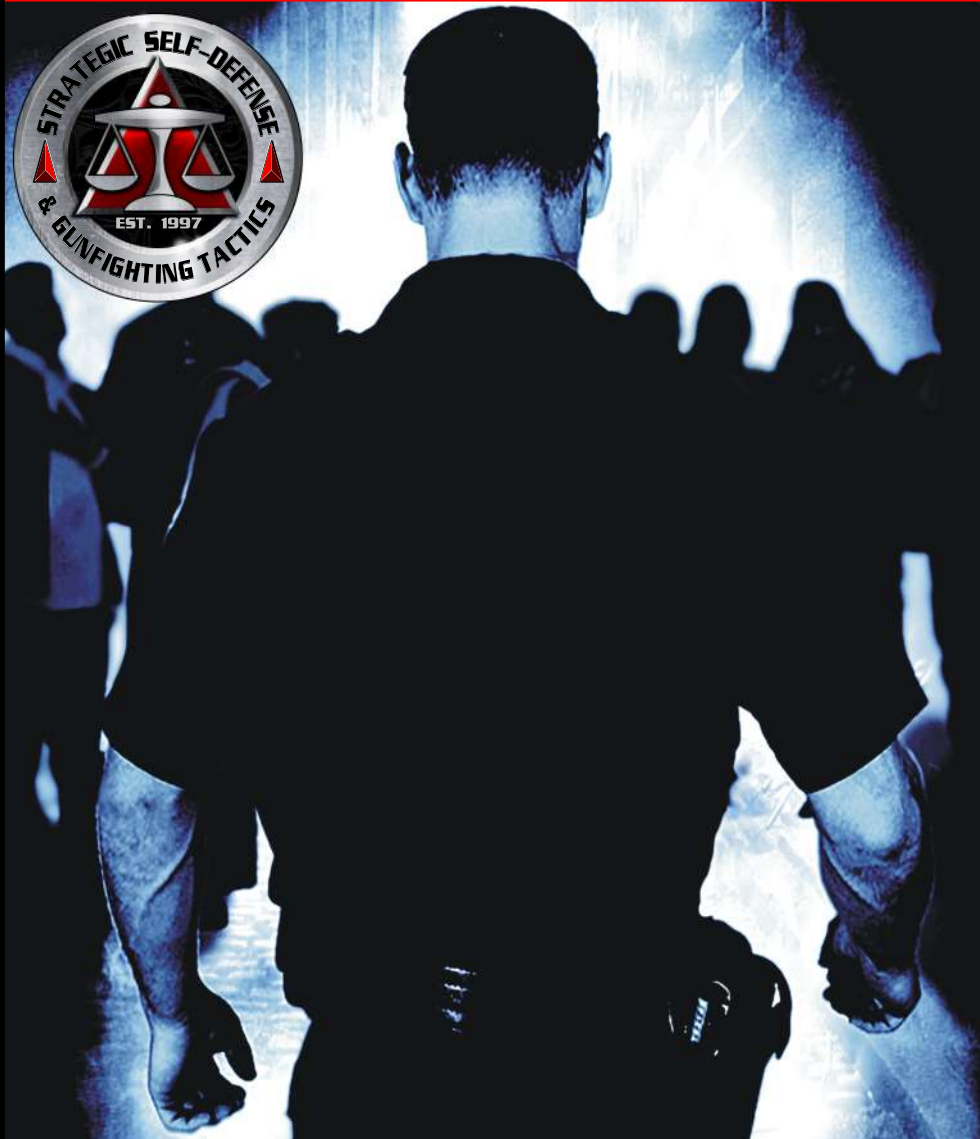


**SSGT** Protect & Prevail  
**STRATEGIC SELF-DEFENSE & GUNFIGHTING TACTICS**



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## **INTRODUCTION**

As a Defensive Tactics & Firearms Training System for Criminal Justice, Military Police and Security Officers, Strategic Self-defense & Gunfighting Tactics (SSGT) is dedicated to practical, effective and court defensible tactics and skills. This system is a leader in addressing the most serious situations officers face in the line of duty teaching the use of objectively reasonable force. Our tactically documented and well organized methods of instruction address both officer and subject safety. Our training courses prepare officers to *“Protect & Prevail”*.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

To provide criminal justice, military police and security officers with practical, effective, field proven and legally defensible defensive tactics, and firearms training.

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## WHO WE SERVE

We serve those who serve. SSGT Defensive Tactics & SSGT Firearms Training is utilized by hundreds of law enforcement agencies across many states.

### ALABAMA:

The Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission (APOSTC) officially adopted SSGT Vanguard Levels One & Two as the defensive tactics program required for minimum standards certification in all police academies in the state. Effective January 1, 2014, every police academy in the State is now required to teach 48 hours of SSGT Vanguard to basic academy recruits.

### OTHER STATES WE SERVE:

Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee, Texas and West Virginia.

## SERIOUS CONSIDERATIONS

**Question:** "Should every cop in America be a Blue Belt in Brazilian Jiu-jitsu?"

**Answer:** *No! Every cop officer in America should be proficient in law enforcement defensive tactics. BJJ principles and techniques will invariably influence any solid defensive tactics program. Defensive tactics is its own unique martial art. BJJ is not law enforcement defensive tactics.*

**Question:** Can conventional martial arts training develop bad habits for the law enforcement officer?

**Answer:** *Yes! Attend one of our courses or listen to one of our podcasts and you'll learn how typical martial arts training can develop bad habits for the law enforcement officer.*

**Question:** Is the defensive tactics program you are considering or involved in headed by an expert or multiple experts on the use of force and have they been deemed experts by any United States Federal Court? If not, why?

**Consider:** Some "popular" defensive tactics programs do not allow "Certified Instructors" to teach officers outside their own department/agency? They require that each department pay to have an instructor on staff. What about small departments that can't afford to pay for instructor training?

**Note:** *SSGT Certified Instructors are allowed to teach anyone within the criminal justice system. As it should be!*

**Consider:** Does the defensive tactics program you are considering or involved in provide detailed step-by-step training manuals as well as written exams and practical exams? **SSGT does!**

**Consider:** Does the defensive tactics program you are considering or involved in have an end-user injury rate below 1%? **SSGT does!**

**Consider:** Does the defensive tactics program you are considering or involved in have a 25-plus-year track record of success in the field? **SSGT does!**

**Consider:** Does the defensive tactics program you are considering or involved in have an advisory board comprised of numerous veteran law enforcement officers that guide and direct the program? **SSGT does!**

## THE FOUNDER OF SSGT

### Johnny Lee Smith

#### FORMAL EDUCATION:

- 1990-1991 – University of North Alabama
- 1989-1990 – Wallace State College
- 1987-1988 – University of North Alabama



#### LAW ENFORCEMENT RELATED QUALIFICATIONS:

- 2021 – SSGT is POST Mandated in Alabaman and POST Approved in Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico and Tennessee. We also teach courses in Florida and Texas.
- 2017 to present – responsible for the nationwide annual training of the **Home Depot's** corporate security guards
- 2015 – Served as a Federal expert witness in two use-of-force trials in United States District Court Northern District of Alabama
- 2014 – SSGT Vanguard became the APOSTC Mandated Defensive Tactics program for the State of Alabama
- 2014 – Certified Police Instructor by the Alaska Police Standards Council
- 2013 – Adjunct Instructor at the Regional Counterdrug Training Academy in Meridian, MS
- 2012 – Revamped the SSGT Program and created the SSGT Vanguard Program
- 2010 – Certified Defensive Tactics Instructor by the Mississippi Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission
- 2005 – Present – Firearms Instructor Course at TLETA in Nashville; Patrol Rifle at Trussville PD, in Alabama; Patrol Rifle at NEMLETC in Tupelo, MS; and numerous other firerms courses.
- 2005 – In the State of Georgia, the successful completion of SSGT Vanguard One & Two Instructor Courses, along with showing proof of OC training, qualifies an officer as a Defensive Tactics Instructor Trainer.
- 2003 – Certified Specialized Instructor by the Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission
- 1997 – Present – Developed the SSGT Defensive Tactics Program

#### LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARDS:

2023 – The John Edgar Hoover Memorial Gold Medal for Distinguished Public Service Award from the Police Hall of Fame in Florida.

#### MARTIAL ARTS QUALIFICATIONS:

- 2014 – 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Brazilian Jiu-jitsu Black Belt under Carlos Machado
- 2011 – 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Brazilian Jiu-jitsu Black Belt under Carlos Machado
- 2008 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Brazilian Jiu-jitsu Black Belt under Carlos Machado
- 2005 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Brazilian Jiu-jitsu Black Belt under Carlos Machado
- 2002 – 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Brazilian Jiu-jitsu Black Belt under Carlos Machado
- 1997-present – Studied Gracie Jiu-jitsu directly under Carlos Machado
- 1994-present – Studied Gracie Jiu-jitsu directly under Rickson Gracie
- 1993-present – Began Gracie/Brazilian Jiu-jitsu
- 1987-2004 – Kobayashi Shorin Ryu 4th Degree Black Belt
- 1979-1993 — Tang Soo Do Moo Duk Kwan 3rd Degree Black Belt
- 1991 – Founder and President of Triad Martial Arts, Inc
- Johnny Lee Smith was a 10 time Alabama State Champion in Karate
- Johnny Lee Smith was a 2 time National Champion in Karate
- Johnny Lee Smith was the first person in the State of Alabama to achieve Black Belt in Brazilian Jiu-jitsu;
- Johnny Lee Smith was the first person from the State of Alabama to achieve 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Degree Black Belt in Brazilian Jiu-jitsu. He is the highest ranking BJJ Black Belt in Alabama. His ranking is under Master Carlos Machado;
- His Triad Martial Arts Academy has the largest number BJJ Black Belts in the State of Alabama;
- He is the only person in the state that has trained extensively with Rickson Gracie.

## **SSGT FIREARMS DIVISION DIRECTOR**

### **SGM Jack Nevils - SF Ret.**

Mr. Nevils served 25 years in active military service, two years as an Airborne Ranger in the 1st Ranger Battalion, then 23 years in the Special Forces (Green Berets), serving in a variety of assignments in 7th and 3rd Special Forces Groups and the JFK Special Warfare Center and Schools.



Mr. Nevils retired in early 2013 as a Sergeant Major, the highest enlisted rank in the U.S. Army. During his career, he worked in numerous countries in South and Central America conducting Counter-Narcotics and Foreign Internal Defense missions. Mr. Nevils trained foreign Tier 1 hostage rescue units (Military and Police) in Close Quarters Combat, sniper operations, integrated assaults, and Military Free Fall operations (HALO). Mr. Nevils also trained allied Police Units in Personnel Security Details (PSD) for high level government officials.

Since the Global War on Terrorism, Mr. Nevils has deployed numerous times to the Middle East, Central Asia, and Africa including combat action in Operation ENDURING FREEDOM and Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. He trained, advised, and led the Iraqi Counter Terrorism Force on hundreds of urban counter terrorist's operations throughout the country of Iraq in support of national objectives resulting in hundreds of enemy combatants removed from the battlefield. Mr. Nevils conducted a wide range of Special Operations activities in progressively greater roles of responsibility including: targeting in support of national objectives, human intelligence operations (HUMINT), unilateral direct action, and counter terrorism operations by, with, and thru indigenous forces.

Mr. Nevils was the Senior Trainer and Program Manager (NCOIC and Sergeant Major) for the Special Forces Hostage Rescue and Sniper Schools at Ft. Bragg, NC. During this time, he used his combat experiences to rewrite the Programs of Instruction and training methodologies for Close Quarters Combat including: combat marksmanship, single and multi-team operations, explosive, ballistic, and mechanical breaching, sniper integrated assaults, urban sniper operations, vehicle interdiction, vertical and linear assaults, and personnel handling (Combatives) to meet the emerging threats of today's unconventional battlefield. Mr. Nevils has also developed curriculum for and taught integrated fighting personal protection courses for High Value Individuals and Government overseas singleton operators.

His military awards include the Purple Heart, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with Valor, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Combat Infantry Badge, Expert Infantry Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Master Freefall Badge, Special Forces Tab and the Ranger Tab.

Mr. Nevils and his wife of 27 years, Maria, live in Fairview, Texas with their two children. Mr. Nevils is a follower of Jesus Christ who continues the pursuit of the Special Forces motto "De Oppresso Liber" (Free the Oppressed).



## SSGT FIREARMS DIVISION INSTRUCTOR MSG Ricky Harris - SF (Ret.)



MSG Ricky Harris, US Army Retired, has more than 20 years of military and specialized firearms handling experience; with 16 of those years served with US Army Special Forces. Throughout his military service, Ricky has served as an Infantryman, Scout Sniper, Special Forces Weapons Sergeant, Special Forces Sniper Course Instructor (level 1 JFKSWTC), and Special Forces Team Sergeant. He retired as the Senior Enlisted in charge of the 3rd Special Forces Group Sniper Training Detachment. Ricky has six combat deployments for over-seas contingencies.

Part of his professional resume includes: US Army Ranger School, US Army Sniper School, Special Forces Weapons Sergeant Course, Survival Evasion Resistance and Escape (SERE LEVEL C- HIGH RISK), Arabic Language School, Special Forces Combat Diver Qualification Course (SCUBA), Special Operations Target Interdiction Course (SOTIC), Special Forces Advanced Reconnaissance Target Analysis and Exploitation Techniques Course (SFARTAETC), Special Forces Advanced Urban Combat Course (SFAUC), Combat Dive Supervisors Course, Special Operations Terminal Air Controller Course (SOTACC), Instructor Training Course (ITC), Mid South Institute of Self Defense Shooting - Combat Marksmanship, Black Water –Advanced Combat Marksmanship, Tiger Swan - Tactical Pistol, Tiger Swan - Tactical Carbine, Storm Mountain – Sniper Level 1, 2 and 3, HARDPOINT – Apprehension Avoidance Course, NRA Pistol Instructors Course, North Carolina Justice Academy - Laws Governing Concealed Carry and Use of Deadly Force, GLOCK Armorer and IDPA Safety Officer's Course.

Some of Ricky's accomplishments include: International Sniper Competition Ft. Benning GA; (Top Sniper) 3d place team in Open Class 2008 and 2nd place team in Service Class 2009, International Defensive Pistol Association (IDPA), North Carolina State Championship High Military competitor 2011, Virginia IDPA State Championship - 1st Place ESP Expert and High Military competitor 2014, Virginia State IDPA High Military competitor 2015. And he currently holds a rating of Master in IDPA Stock Service Pistol. Ricky was also featured in the book "Hunters – US Snipers in the War on Terror" written by Milo S. Afong.

## SSGT ADVISORY BOARD

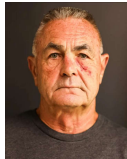
The SSGT Advisory Board is comprised of veteran law enforcement officers who are dedicated to the idea that better training helps to create better officers. All major decisions regarding program changes are brought before the Board and voted upon. No major program changes take place without Board approval. The SSGT Board Members have shaped the development and direction of SSGT from the beginning and will shape SSGT moving into the future.



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United States Army  
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Currently, SBI Investigator



Major, Barry Teague  
West Monroe Police Department, LA (Ret)  
Currently, Ouachita Par. Sheriff's Office, LA

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## **SSGT VANGUARD**

This program is designed for agencies that want a complete defensive tactics system. The Vanguard Program is divided into two levels of instruction. Take a look at what this program has to offer.

### **SSGT VANGUARD LEVE ONE**

The SSGT Vanguard Level One Instructor and Student Courses are broken down into seven (7) Categories as follows:

- 1.Common Grab Defense** – against wrist grabs, throat grabs, hairgrabs and lapel grabs in a standing position.
- 2.Headlock Defense** – against a rear headlock, front headlock and side headlocks both standing & on the ground.
- 3.Bear-hug Defense** – against front over and under the arms and rear over and under the arms.
- 4.Tackle Defense** – against double leg and single leg tackles.
- 5.Striking & Knife Defense** – against various strikes and cutting instruments.
- 6.Escaping From The Bottom (ground)** – escapes from the mounted position and side positions.
- 7.Controlling A Grounded Subject From The Top** – various controlling techniques designed to enable the officer to place the subject into a position for handcuffing.

Instructors are not required to teach all Level One Categories to their students. Instructors may certify students in certain categories and omit others.

Vanguard One Instructor Course Training Time: 40 hours  
Certification is Valid for Three Years

Vanguard One Re-certification Training Time: 24 hours  
Re-certification is Valid for Three Years





## SSGT VANGUARD LEVEL TWO

The SSGT Vanguard Level Two Instructor and Student Courses are broken down into thirteen (13) categories as follows:

1. **Strategic Subject Escort** – escorting an unrestrained subject and taking the subject down to the ground upon resistance.
2. **Pressure Points to Escort** – applying pressure points in an objectively reasonable manner for the purpose of subject control and compliance. **Vehicle Extraction** - hands-on techniques for removing a subject from a vehicle.
3. **Strategic Handcuffing & Transport** – deploying and applying handcuffs to a subject in the standing, kneeling and prone positions. Also, the safe and proper transport procedure of a restrained subject.
4. **Strategic Frisk & Search** – the safe and proper procedures for frisking and searching a subject.
5. **Strategic Striking** – the use of personal weapon strikes to prevent or stop aggressive action in an objectively reasonable manner.
6. **Holstered Handgun Retention while Standing** – against one- and two-handed attacks on the officers handgun from the front and rear.
7. **Holstered Handgun Retention while on the Ground**– against one- and two-handed attacks on the officers handgun when the officer is on the ground.
8. **Drawn Handgun Retention while Standing** – against one- and two-handed attacks on the officers handgun in standing situations.
9. **Drawn Handgun Retention while on the Ground** – from the mounted position and side positions.
10. **Long Gun Retention** – defending against attacks on an officer's rifle, shotgun or sub-gun.
11. **Long Gun Disarming** – front and rear attacks.
12. **Handgun Disarming** – front and rear attacks.
13. **Strategic Baton** – the use of a straight or expandable baton in an objectively reasonable manner for the purpose of subject control and compliance.

Instructors are not required to teach all Level Two Categories to their students. Instructors may certify students in certain categories and omit others.

Vanguard Two Instructor Course Training Time: 40 hours  
Certification is Valid for Three Years

Vanguard Two Re-certification Training Time: 24 hours  
Re-certification is Valid for Three Years



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## **C.O.R.-TACTICS** **CORRECTIONS OFFICER RESPONSE-TACTICS**

### **SSGT COR-Tactics**

The COR-Tactics Program was developed upon the request of the Tennessee Corrections Institute (TCI). With the guidance of TCI, we developed a defensive tactics program to meet the unique needs of the Corrections Officer/Jailer. This program addresses a variety of issues, scenarios and situations relevant to the safety of the officers and the inmates.

The SSGT COR-Tactics Instructor and Student Courses are broken down into nine (9) categories:

- 1. Common Grab Defense** – against wrist grabs, throat grabs, hair grabs and lapel/vest grabs in a standing position.
- 2. Headlock Defense** – against a rear headlock and front headlock.
- 3. Bear-hug Defense** – against front over and under the arms and rear over and under the arms.
- 4. Tackle Defense** – against a double leg tackle.
- 5. Striking & Knife Defense** – against various strikes and cutting instruments.
- 6. Escaping From The Bottom (ground)** – escapes from the mounted position.
- 7. Controlling A Grounded Subject From The Top** – various controlling techniques designed to enable the officer to place the subject into a position for handcuffing.
- 8. Strategic Striking** – the use of personal weapon strikes to prevent or stop aggressive action in an objectively reasonable manner.
- 9. Edged Weapon Defense** – close quarters edged weapon defense

Instructors are not required to teach all COR-Tactics Categories to their students. Instructors may certify students in certain categories and omit others.

COR-Tactics Instructor Course Training Time: 40 hours  
Certification is Valid for Three Years

COR-Tactics Re-certification Training Time: 24 hours  
Re-certification is Valid for Three Years



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## **SSGT ONGUARD**

The SSGT OnGuard Program is a customizable program for corporate security officers. We work with the corporation to design a course of instruction that meets their unique set of needs and concerns.

- >The courses of instruction we design utilize the training methods and techniques found in our highly successful Vanguard Program.
- >Adaptations are made for the training of both armed and unarmed security officers.
- >OnGuard courses of instruction can be as brief or in depth as desired.
- >OnGuard courses of instruction come with detailed instructional manuals with photos and step-by-step instructions on the performance of each technique.
- >Let us put together an OnGuard Program that works for you.
- >Used by a company in the top 50 of the Fortune 500.



## **SSGT EDGED WEAPON SURVIVAL**

The SSGT Edged Weapon Survival Program addresses the defensive and justifiable use of an edged weapon by a law enforcement officer in the line of duty. Almost every law enforcement officer in America carries a knife yet a very small percentage of those officers have any legitimate training on how to use a knife to save their own lives. And most departments have no knife policy.

This program also addresses practical and simple hands-on knife defense skills. Our techniques focus on deflecting the attack, moving and drawing the handgun. We find this to be the simplest answer to a very complex situation.

This program also educates the officers about fixed blade and folding knives, opening mechanisms, locking mechanisms, blade profiles, knife grinds, carry methods, drawing, handling and much more.

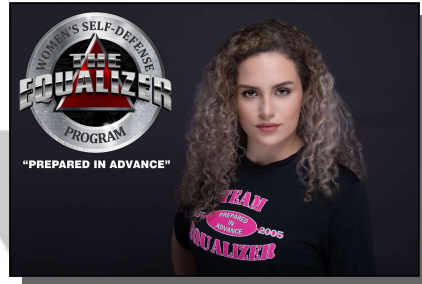
This is not a “knife fighting” course. It’s designed for law enforcement.

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## **EQUALIZER WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENSE INSTRUCTOR**

The Equalizer Women's Self-defense Program (EWSP) is a division of SSGT. This program educates women about how to recognize and reduce their risk of being victimized by violent crime and property crime and how to defend against, survive and escape a physical attack. Many of the self-defense techniques of the EWSP are derived from our highly successful SSGT Vanguard Program. The techniques of SSGT are currently being taught to thousands of officers in various states and have been responsible for saving officers from severe injury and death in the line of duty. Our techniques have been proven to work when it counts.



### **The EWSP Student Course**

The EWSP Student Course, corresponding with the EWSP handbook is for women, and teen girls. The handbook is divided into three chapters Personal Safety; Residential Security and Self-defense. The first two chapters may be covered in four hours. The third chapter, Self-defense, is divided into four phases. Each phase is four hours in length. A certificate of completions may be given to participants successfully completing any portion of the program. Students must pass the open-book written exam to be eligible to receive a Certificate of Completion from their EWSP Instructor. These courses are taught primarily by law enforcement officers who have been certified as EWSP Instructors. Check with your local law enforcement agency to see if they have an EWSP Instructor on staff. If they do not, recommend that they get one.

### **The EWSP Instructor Course**

This course prepares law enforcement, corrections, security and education professionals to teach the EWSP to women in their communities. This course requires eight (8) hours of training for Certified SSGT Vanguard Level Two Instructors and 40 hours of training for those who are not SSGT Instructors.

When it comes to safety and security, education is the first and most important step. The goal of an EWSP Instructor is to give women the critical personal safety, residential security and self-defense information and training they need to avoid, survive and escape dangerous situations. We believe every woman should be *"Prepared In Advance"*.

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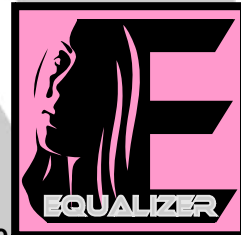
## EWSP CURRICULUM

The Equalizer Women's Self-defense Program (EWSP) is divided into three chapters: Personal Safety; Residential Security and Physical Self-defense.

The first two chapters may be covered in four hours. The third chapter, Physical Self-defense, is divided into four phases. Each phase is four hours in length. A certificate of completions may be given to participants successfully completing any portion of the program. Students must pass the open-book written exam to be eligible to receive a Certificate of Completion from their EWSP Instructor.

## THE EQUALIZER & THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Young women should ideally be educated in personal safety, residential security, and self-defense at a young age. School Resource Officers (SROs) are well-positioned to provide this education. High school girls preparing for college can benefit greatly from the information and training EWSP Instructors can provide. SROs are encouraged to become Equalizer Instructors to help young women be "Prepared In Advance."



Students who participate in Chapter Three: Physical Self-defense may opt-in and/or opt-out of the phases of their choice. This choice may be made based on an individual's physical limitations or training time constraints. Phase One of the program is the least physically demanding phase whereas Phase Four is the most physically demanding. This structure allows instructors to provide some level of training to almost everyone.

Every year, millions of women are victims of violence, usually at the hands of someone they know. Every woman should know how to recognize and reduce her risk of becoming a victim and how to effectively resist a physical attack, if necessary. Every woman should be "Prepared in Advance".

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# **SSGT** Protect & Prevail **HANDGUN INSTRUCTOR**

**Subject:** 40-hour SSGT Handgun Instructor Course



**Note:** As of August of 2024, successful completion of this course will qualify eligible individuals as APOSTC approved Firearms Instructors within the State of Alabama.

**Prerequisite:** Fire 10 rounds in 60 seconds from the 25-yard line, keeping all rounds in a 10-inch circle / bulls-eye from the standing unsupported position.

### **Course Objectives:**

- Objectively reasonable use of force, the effects and mitigation of survival stress, and principles of weapons applications for deadly force encounters.
- Fundamentals of Marksmanship and professional weapon's handling -safety.
- Drawing of the pistol from the duty holster and presentation.
- Weapon's handling for running, kneeling, and prone shooting.
- Sight alignment with iron sights and Red Dot sight / adjustment procedures.
- Speed and reduced capacity magazines changes with handguns.
- Malfunctions and Immediate Action Drills for handguns / Recoil Management
- Drills, scoring, qualifications, and developing a course of fire.
- Instructor development, coaching, and diagnosing shooter errors.
- Critical Task Evaluations (CTE).
- Overhand, Underhand, Transition and Retention grips, Grounded Firing / 360
- Use of Cover (Static and Moving) Threshold Drills
- Shooting, Moving, and Communicating drills.
- Weapons Applications for Tandem Search Tactics.
- Bullet Performance on Vehicles / Use of Cover on Vehicles.
- Problem Solving / Isolation Drill Development
- Shooting Tests, Teach Backs, Written Test, Critiques, Certificates.

### **Equipment Needed:**

- Tactical Gear – pistol, holster and 3 magazines and magazine pouches
- Protection for eyes and ears
- Ammo – 800 rounds of pistol ammunition (Factory loaded ammunition only) (No re-loaded ammunition allowed)
- Water
- Inclement weather gear

### **Other Handgun Courses:**

Off-duty Officer Survival; Undercover/Lone Operator; Advanced Handgun



# **SSGT** Protect & Prevail **PATROL RIFLE INSTRUCTOR**



**Subject:** 40-hour SSGT Patrol Rifle Instructor Course

**Prerequisite:** Must be certified Law Enforcement or Corrections



## **COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

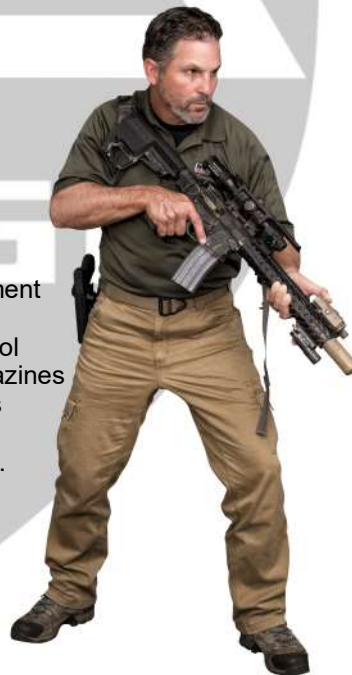
- Safety
- Patrol Rifle Setup: Optics and Lights
- Ballistics 101
- Shooting Positions
- Zeroing and Grouping
- Known Distance Firing
- Target Selection
- Weapons Integration
- Shooting on the move
- Utilizing cover
- Transitioning to secondary weapon(s)
- Employment in Urban Setting
- Shooting into and out of vehicles
- Stress Shoot
- Low Light Fire
- Instruction Methodology
- Dealing with Problem Shooters
- Course of fire development
- Running a Firing Line
- Precision Fire

## **CQB OBJECTIVES:**

- One and Two-man responsibilities upon entry
- Consideration of deep threats
- Setting up your kit and weapons
- Negotiating opposing threats
- Mutually supporting one another around obstacles
- Hallways and Stairwells
- Control and restraint of suspects

## **EQUIPMENT NEEDED:**

- Copy of department's Patrol Rifle Qualifications, Deployment and Engagement Policy
- Tactical Gear -Department Assigned Patrol Rifle with sling, pistol, holster and 3 magazines and magazine pouches for both weapons
- Protection for eyes and ears
- Ammo – Pistol-300 rnds. & Rifle-800rnds. (Factory loaded ammunition only) (No re-loaded ammunition allowed)
- Water
- Inclement weather gear
- Hat (for sun)



# **SSGT** *Protect & Prevail* **P**RECISION **R**IFLE **T**RAINING



## **SSGT PRECISION RIFLE COURSES**

**Course:** SSGT Precision Rifle: Operator

Length of Course: 40-hour Course

**Subject:** Fundamentals of precision rifle setup and deployment.

**Course:** SSGT Precision Rifle: Rural/Urban Craft & Surveillance

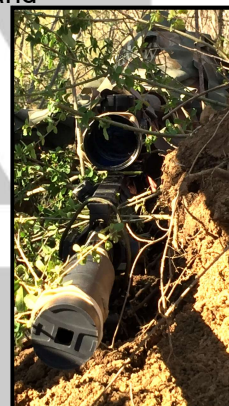
Length of Course: 40-hour Course

**Subject:** Advanced field craft tactics, techniques, and procedures (TT&P).

**Course:** SSGT Precision Rifle: Instructor

Length of Course: 40-hour Course

**Subject:** This 5-day course builds on Precision Rifle: Operator and Precision Rifle: R.U.C.S. courses. By the end of this course, officers will be certified to safely train, coach, and mentor others in the proven training methodologies from the previously mentioned courses.



**Course:** Long Range Marksman

Length of Course: 24-hour Course

**Subject:** This Course is designed for beginner scoped-rifle shooters or those experienced in long range precision marksmanship. This course is your opportunity to learn to shoot out to 1000 yards and beyond from some of the best shooters on planet earth.





# **SSGT** **Protect & Prevail** **ADVANCED HANDGUN**

**Subject:** Subject: 24-hour SSGT L.E. Undercover/Lone Operator Handgun: Instructor Course



**Prerequisite:** Must be a certified SSGT Handgun Instructor

**Description:** The SSGT Law Enforcement Undercover/Lone Operator Handgun: Course is specifically designed for those officers working undercover in potentially hostile environments. This course is also applicable to Off-duty Officer Survival. Tactics, techniques, and procedures are taught to enhance the officer's safety posture by first addressing items that can be used in defense that fit and support the officer's cover. Officers will refine defensive skills using everyday items such as their vehicle, clothing, and props. The deployment of the pistol from deep concealed carry from a variety of positions and conditions is rehearsed to ensure the optimum protection for the officer. Advanced pistol-craft/firing scenarios are explained, demonstrated, then trained by the officers to equip them to use their pistol in any hostile engagement without regard to proximity or number of adversaries.

**Subject:** 24-hour SSGT Vehicle Interdiction Skills Enhancement **V.I.S.E.**

**Prerequisite:** Must be a certified law enforcement officer

**Course Topics:**

- Vehicle Extraction
  - Individual
  - Tandem
- Immobilization Methods
- Vehicle Approach
- Multi-Occupant Strategies
- Vehicle Entry Methods
- Interview Methods & Setup
- Tandem Cuffing Methods
- Vehicle Ballistics Lab
  - Glass
  - Panels
  - Pillars
- Vehicle Interdiction
  - Pistol Applications
  - Patrol Rifle Applications
- Use of Shields
- Vehicle - Use of Cover



# **SSGT** Protect & Prevail **TACTICAL TEAM OPS**

**Subject:** 40-hour Tactical Team Operations

**Prerequisite:** Basic SWAT School or Equivalent



**Description:** This course trains officers in proven principles for small teams to conduct effective and practical clearing operations in urban environments using the organic equipment of the hosting organization. The safe and professional application of weapons employment is integrated in all phases of the progressive training starting with dry weapons employment, static range drills, dynamic range drills, and close quarters tactics in an urban setting.

The course begins with reinforcing individual officer skills in the application of their organic equipment and weapon systems to close-quarters operations. These skills are quickly integrated into a principle based systematic approach to close quarters operations that equips the team to adapt its training to whatever urban environment they find themselves in. This training is not a technique based system; but rather, it is a principle based approach to training the team's minds to focus on the critical factors for prevailing in the unknown and ever-changing urban landscape.

This training is essential and adaptable for a singleton officer showing up to a domestic violence call, two officers responding to an active shooter situation, or for a tactical team conducting an operation.

### **Course Objectives:**

- Professional integration of pistol and carbine for close quarters operations
- Apply principles for clearing rooms as an individual and a member of a small team
- Apply principles for clearance for opposing threats in an urban setting
- Demonstrate ability to acquire and deal with immediate threats in close quarters
- Demonstrate ability to safely restrain suspects in an integrated weapons environment
- Apply principle of entry when breaching a door (bullets shoot thru doors)
- Apply principles of negotiating hallways and stairwells
- Understand and apply principles barrier penetration / breaching of common doors
- Apply principles to clear large structures (movie theaters, factories, warehouses, big box stores, etc.)

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