

## **MATTHEW FERGUSON CPS**

LEAD TRAINER PROTECTIVE SECURITY/EXECUTIVE PROTECTION

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### **SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE**

- Lead Instructor for Special Operations Tactical Training International (SOTT-I LLC). Overall responsibility for developing and providing high-risk incident management advice/training to law enforcement, corrections and military professionals worldwide. (Present)
- Owner of Protective Concepts a private sector 21st century protection, training and investigation company (2007 to present). Protective Concepts specializes in executive, celebrity, and dignitary protection. Protective Concepts also provides church protection, private investigation, surveillance, special event protection, risk and threat assessment, estate security and consulting.
- Director of Protection and Safety for Hope Church St. Louis (2001 to present). Hope Church is a 1500 member non-denomination church located in St. Louis County. Formed and currently run a 16 man security and protection team. The team is tasked with close protection, general security and medical response. Responsible also for on and off site special event protection, high profile guest protection and transportation.
- Manager- Benefits Shared Services for Amsted Rail – Inc., (1997 to present). Amsted Rail is the foremost manufacturer of railroad components with 8 domestic and 2 foreign owned plants. Responsible for a medical department including doctors, nurses and medics. Responsible for the defense of all litigation against the company. Responsible also, for investigation of all injuries, fraud, harassment and criminal activity. I also run a shared services benefit department serving all locations with the help of a small team of specialists.
- EMT-Paramedic for American Steel Foundries in Granite City, Illinois (1995 to 2006). Responsible for medical response and treatment of medical and trauma patients for a 1500 employee facility.

- EMT-Paramedic for Gateway Ambulance St. Louis (1993 to 1996). Responsible for basic and advanced life support to medical and trauma emergencies and 911 responses within St. Louis City and County.

### **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

- Certified Protection Specialist (CPS) from Executive Security International (ESI).
- EMT and Paramedic training with IHM (St. Louis University).
- Personnel Security Detail (PSD) Course with SOTT-I LLC.
- CQB training with SOTT-I LLC.
- Special Weapons and Tactics training with SOTT-I LLC.
- Tactical Team training with SOTT-I LLC.
- AR 15 Operators Course with SOTT-I LLC.
- Interrogation training with Wicklander-Zulawski & Associates, Inc.
- Advanced Tactical Handgun training with Midwest Training Group (MTG) a Lethal Force Institute affiliate.
- Glock Inc. Certified Armorer
- CCW Training with Bulls Eye, St. Louis
- Root Cause and Problem Solving training with Kempner Tregoe.
- Aikido training with Three Rivers Aikido, St. Louis.
- Tae Kwon Do training with St. Louis Martial Arts.
- Jiu Jitsu training with the HIT Squad, Granite City, IL.
- Field Sobriety Testing training with MO Highway Patrol
- Fire Fighter Recruit training with Eureka FPD, Eureka, MO

### **AFFILIATIONS**

- Special Operations Tactical Training International (SOTT-I LLC)
- National Rifle Association (NRA-/156091276)
- Executive Security International (ESI) Alumni Association
- Glock Inc. Certified Armorer

## **SIGNIFICANT CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

- Founded and currently run a church protection, security and safety detail for a large St. Louis Church. Supply close protection to the pastor and his family as well as other key leaders and many guests considered high profile and/or controversial in the church world. Provide security for congregates, assets and property as well as provide medical response.
  - Developed a church protection and security training curriculum and currently consult with churches teaching them how to protect themselves.
  - Protection consulting with close protection details of high profile St. Louis area celebrities, teaching the true essence of protection and steering them away from the "old school" bodyguard model. Teaching instead a model of protection encompassing protection of person, property and the brand name.
  - Security consulting with St. Louis area night clubs and Hotels, teaching them prevention and mitigation of risk and liability. Additionally we teach them to support and act in conjunction with celebrity protection details. This training enables them to step up security efforts and attract higher profile clientele.
  - Perform security and threat assessments for area companies and churches. Evaluation of current operations, special events and readiness for special visitors.
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