

The Operational Safety Handbook

Principles, Concepts & Guidelines for the Tactical Environment

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This book brings together a collection of operational wisdom decades in the making. The author goes to great lengths to assess, evaluate and incorporate only the most solid, scientifically researched and physically proven techniques, discarding anything that fails to withstand the rigorous scrutiny of real world confrontations: not the imagined reality of what we would like to do, not the personal reality of what we think we could do, but rather the brutal, primal reality of confrontation which happens in the blink of an eye. It is from this point of view that the material in this book has been written. If you work in public safety operations, chances are that you will encounter a confrontation at some stage. You therefore owe it to yourself, your colleagues, and those you care about, to be as prepared as possible. To that end, this book should be an essential component of your tactical toolbox.

Contents include:

Operations Concepts: Mindset, Tactical Options, Duty Equipment, Command Presence, Conflict & Aggression, Tactical Communication, Physiology & Psychology Violence, Exertion & Safety, Conflict & Cameras, Trauma Management, Incident Reports, Courtroom Survival

Defensive Tactics Concepts: Survival Concepts, Tactical Control Principles, Anatomical Vulnerability, Distraction Strategies, Open vs Closed Hand, Pressure Points, Approach to Control, Chemical Aerosol, Compliance Techniques, Positional Asphyxia & Excited Delirium, Ground Dynamics, Multiple Attacks, Edged Weapons

Firearms Concepts: Firearms & Public Safety, Fundamentals, Precision vs Combat Shooting, Ballistics, Stopping Power, Alternate Options, Shotgun, Tactical Strategies, Fatal Errors in Operational Safety, Low Light Operations, Weapon Retention, Primal Fear, Stress Reactions

Training Concepts: Training Facility, Safety, Training Methodology, Intuitive Operational Safety, Use of Force Training, Total Training, Training Scars, Instructor Responsibility, Reality-Based Training, Protective Suit & Projectile Training, RBT Process, Scenario Design

Administrative Concepts: The Security Profession, Public Safety Conundrum, Intelligent Public Safety, Critical Incident Response, Emergency Risks, Resistance & Response, Fitness for Operational Safety, Fatigue & Public Safety, Post-Trauma Stress, Technology & Operational Safety, Officer-Mounted Cameras, Future Training, Buyer Beware, Choosing a Training Provider

