

# Courtroom Security and Threat Assessment

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Randy Merriman is a career Law Enforcement officer of over 25 years and comes from a background as a Special Agent with a Texas Governors narcotic enforcement unit. Randy is certified as a Texas Law Enforcement Instructor and holds certifications ranging from Basic to Master level. He is recognized by the US DOD as a Surveillance, Awareness, Human Behavior Analysis (HBA) and Tracking Subject Matter Expert and has an outstanding reputation for the delivery of high-quality training. He has developed surveillance and awareness courses and has delivered training to a multitude of federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies and for numerous U.S. Department of Defense organizations and US Allies.

Randy has provided surveillance, counter surveillance, and awareness courses in support of all branches of the US military and Special Forces communities. He has developed and provided counter ambush and Counter Improvised Explosive Devices (C-IED) awareness programs to the US Navy EOD Training and Evaluation Units and has provided services as the course developer and instructor for the Advanced Situational Awareness (ASA) program at the US Army’s Maneuver Center of Excellence (MCoE) at Ft Benning Georgia. He has delivered awareness and tracking programs to the USMC Snipers and was a program developer and subject matter expert for the USMC “Combat Hunter” program at Camp Lejeune, NC. He has taught these surveillance/counter surveillance and awareness programs to elite Military Units such as the British SAS, 3 Para, Royal Marines, Royal Tank Regiment, and has served as an instructor for the elite British Jungle Warfare Training facility in Brunei. He has trained Canadian Special Forces, Danish Frogmen Corp, Danish Jaegers, Danish EOD Engineers, and the Dutch Royal Marines in their respected countries and around the globe in Surveillance, Awareness, Human Behavior Analysis, C-IED and Tracking skill sets.

## **Course Objectives:**

Because courthouses are vulnerable to acts of random violence, they must have proper court security procedures, not only protect the safety of the people and property within and around the courts, but also the integrity of the judicial process. While there is no one solution to issues concerning court security, many current security training programs center on reactive verses proactive solutions. Security Threat Assessment Training for the Courtroom is a training program that focuses on proactive methods of predictive assessment of the courtroom environment that will dramatically enhance and improve the Court Security Officer’s (CSO), Law Enforcement and Judicial Personnel’s Awareness and Threat Detection (ATD) capabilities. These capabilities will give the student the upper edge for detecting and deterring courtroom threats such as active shooters, custody escapes, bomb incidents, emotional confrontations etc. The training teaches methods to accurately assess the courtroom environment and public and gives the student the ability to predict the potential for a threatening event.

The program is designed to directly enhance the Court Security Officer or Judicial personnel’s capabilities in advanced threat awareness skills and allows for a proactive approach to observe and identify threat indicators that exist in the human and courtroom environment. The program teaches CSO’s and Judicial personnel how to establish baselines in their environment and how to recognize certain anomalies that indicate potential threats through human behavior, body language and environmental awareness.

## **Day 1**

8:00 a.m. — 8:30 a.m.	Registration
8:30 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.	Welcome Introduction
	Enhancing Perception
	Environmental Considerations

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Observation Practical Exercise

Human Dynamics

12:00 p.m. — 1:00 p.m.

**Lunch (On Your Own)**

1:00 p.m. — 5:00 p.m.

Courtroom Awareness Principles

The Threat Mindset

Analysis of Threat Cues & Decision Making

Practical Exercise

## Day 2

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Interpret Human Behavior

Predictive Assessment Through Body Language

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Lunch (On Your Own)**

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Human Dynamics

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Looking for Anomalies in the Courtroom

4:00 p.m.

Certificate Presentation

