

Missionaries Personal Protection Program



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RFH Tactical Mobility

RFH Tactical Mobility is a Service-Disabled Veteran owned small business, founded by U.S Military Special Forces Operations personnel. RFH Tactical Mobility provides training programs for federal, state, local, and private organizations ranging from personal protection through advanced driving techniques and other tactical programming. We at RFH Tactical Mobility believe it is vital to learn self-protection and wish to share our experience and knowledge with missionaries going overseas.

PROPOSAL

RFH Tactical Mobility proposes that we provide Religious Missionaries, or other groups as designated, training if they are being sent to high-risk locations. We have provided this type of training for groups, including families, for several years. The program is overseen by our trainers who have background ranging from law enforcement, to the most elite Military units (e.g., Delta Force). These courses are currently run at our location in Virginia for members of the Baptist Church who are enroute to Central and South America. We wish to expand to Missionaries of similar teachings & faith as they spread the good news across the world. In the following paragraphs we will define the need and what we can do in order to help equip missionaries with the training and skills they need to be both effective and safe in their vocation.

THE NEED

As reported by the Vatican's Fides News Agency, "In the course of the year 2018, 40 "missionaries" and pastoral workers were killed around the world, almost double the previous year's toll of 23."¹ Fides goes on to say "...many missionaries have lost their lives during attempted hold-ups and robberies, at times in ferocious circumstances in impoverished and degraded social contexts, where violence predominates, with authorities helpless or weakened by corruption and compromise, or where religion is misused."²

The most recent reporting has made the situation sound all the more dire. Evandro Inetti of Zuma Press stated, "It is almost impossible to compile a full list of the bishops, priests, nuns, simple Catholics, who are attacked, beaten, robbed, threatened."³ This is a stunning revelation. However, it is also important to realize that these missionaries are in point of fact targeted with violence to destabilize their efforts at alleviating poverty. Father Omar Sotelo Aguilar SSP, director of the Catholic Multimedia Center (CCM), stated that "the priest and parish communities promote security, education, health services, the human rights of migrants, women and children. The local Church is, in fact, a reality that helps people, in direct competition with organized crime, which knows that eliminating a priest/pastor is

¹ Robin Gomes, "Forty "missionaries" killed worldwide in 2018," Vatican Fides News Agency, Vatican City, January 4, 2019. Available online <<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2019-01/missionaries-killed-2018-fides.html>>

² Ibid.

³ Evandro Inetti, "Missionary murders go global, reveals Catholic report" Zuma Press, San Clemente CA, January 4, 2020. Available online <<https://www.thetablet.co.uk/news/12335/missionary-murders-go-global-reveals-catholic-report>>

much more than eliminating a person, because it destabilizes an entire community.”⁴ He goes on to state, “this is how “a culture of terror and silence” is established, which is important for the growth of corruption and, therefore, to allow cartels to work freely.”⁵ This is where RFH Tactical Mobility can help.

It is clear that church communities send thousands of their disciples into harm’s way to help those in poverty, and we at RFH Tactical Mobility applaud those efforts as integral to not only alleviating poverty, but also reducing long term violence against people. We believe that by giving missionaries deployed to austere locations the tools they need to be safe and secure in the situations they will ultimately find themselves in will help. This will in turn make them difficult targets for those wishing to prevent them from doing their mission.

This program was designed for seven days for 30 people (including minor family members). It costs approximately \$380.00 per person per day with lodging being the single largest expense. It can be modified and shortened to meet the specific goals that a missionary group may have. The following is an example of the type of training that we are currently providing.

COURSE OVERVIEW

This program is an investment in operational continuity and success to anyone operating in a rural environment, high risk environment, or simply desiring to improve their skillset. This 7-day program is for adults and their children. Adults will have a full intensive program that includes 3 full days of driver training, including off-road driving. Children 13 and under will have their own age appropriate program that parallels topics that parents are learning. At certain points, families will be performing training exercises together. Teenagers 14 and up will be participating in most of the same class modules as parents and some of the driving components.

COURSE OBJECTIVE

To deliver realistic training based on events and experiences that will enhance the capability of the students workforce to remain safe and productive while conducting their duties around the world. The training will be high intensity with repeated themes on all aspects of the course material to meet the objective. The concept of this training will be listed below.

- There will be repeated activities throughout the training course such as daily security sweeps of vehicles and compound, this activity will allow students to continue operational security mindset.
- The methodology of training will follow module topic introduction, case study and example, module instruction, and practical exercise when applicable.
- Due to time constraints on blocks of instruction, some modules may be extended beyond 8 hours.

⁴ Innetti, Ibid.

⁵ Ibid.

COURSE DELIVERY

The Training Program will be delivered by 2 instruction groups. RFH Tactical Mobility (RFHTM) and our subcontractor, ShieldCore Global (shieldcoreglobal.com), leading experts in overseas field operations and security. SCG instructors understand and deliver cultural and missional context to the program of instruction based on personal experience on the overseas field of operations. RFHTM will focus on driving, with a variety of driving based scenarios, and firearms.

The mission of ShieldCore Global GmbH is to provide practical instruction to international organizations, companies, and individuals operating in high risk countries, enabling clients to maintain their long-term overseas investments by training them to remain operational in times of adversity. With over 25-years of experience in the safety and security industry and over 20-years of experience in the international safety and security industry, SCG is second to none in serving client needs globally through custom-based solutions.

RFH Tactical Mobility Instructor cadre is comprised of US Special Forces Combat Veterans, US Military Veterans, Law Enforcement professionals, and PSD professionals. Combined, RFH Tactical Mobility instructors have over 250-years of military experience, 10,000+ tactical combat missions in austere working environments around the world (spanning nearly 25 consecutive years). Our team has over 100-years of tactical firearms and mobility instruction, FAV mobility, PSD instruction and security driver instruction for US Special Operations Command, US Military units, Government Agencies, federal, state and local law enforcement, executive protection and private sector security professionals.

Typical Course Schedule

| DAY | HOURL | TOPIC | Delivery | Location |
|--------------|--------------|--|------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 | 8:00 | Orientation for Parents & Kids | SCG | Gallery (VIR) |
| (Sun) | | | | |
| | 9:00 | Welcome, Introductions & Expectations | RFHTM/SCG | RFHTM |
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| | 10:30 | Situational Awareness | SCG | RFHTM |
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| | 12:00 | Lunch | VIR | Gallery & RFHTM |
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| | 13:00 | Surveillance & Detection | SCG/RFHTM | RFHTM |
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| | 15:00 | Operational Planning & Exercise Brief | SCG/RFHTM | RFHTM |
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| | 16:30 | End of day review/Evaluations | SCG | RFHTM |
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| | 17:00 | Vehicle Loading/Unloading/Cursory Searches | SCG/RFHTM | RFHTM |
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| | <u>18:00</u> | Supper & Evening Exercise | OYO | TBD |
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| 2 | <u>8:30</u> | Intelligence | SCG | RFHTM |
| (Mon) | | | | |
| | <u>9:30</u> | Surveillance | RFHTM/SCG | RFHTM |
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| | <u>12:00</u> | Lunch | VIR | RFHTM |
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| | <u>13:00</u> | Vulnerability, Risk & Threat Assessment | SCG/RFHTM | RFHTM |
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| | <u>14:30</u> | Combatting Stress | SCG | RFHTM |
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| | <u>17:00</u> | End of day review/Evaluations/Exercise Planning | SCG | RFHTM |
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| | <u>18:00</u> | Supper & Evening Exercise | OYO | TBD |
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| 3 | <u>8:30</u> | Operational Security | SCG | RFHTM |
| (Tue) | | | | |
| | <u>9:30</u> | Physical Security Assessment | SCG | RFHTM |
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| | <u>10:30</u> | Social Media & Online Security | SCG | RFHTM |
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| | <u>12:00</u> | Lunch | VIR | RFHTM |
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| | <u>13:00</u> | Defensive Strategies & Tactics | SCG/RFHTM | RFHTM |
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| | <u>17:00</u> | End of day review/Evaluations/Exercise Planning | SCG | RFHTM |
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| | <u>18:00</u> | Supper & Evening Exercise | OYO | TBD |
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| 4 | <u>8:30</u> | Survival & Recovery | SCG/RFHTM | RFHTM |
| (Wed) | | | | |
| | <u>11:00</u> | Emergency Medical | RFHTM | RFHTM |
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| | <u>12:00</u> | Lunch | VIR | RFHTM |
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| | <u>13:00</u> | Emergency Medical (cont) | RFHTM | RFHTM |
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| | <u>15:00</u> | Daily Review & Debrief & Exercise Brief | SCG | RFHTM |
| | <u>16:00</u> | Final Operational Exercise | SCG/RFHTM | TBD |
| | <u>18:00</u> | Supper | OYO | |
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| 5 | <u>8:30</u> | Final Operation AAR | SCG/RFHTM | RFHTM |
| (Thu) | | | | |
| | <u>9:00</u> | Evasive Driving Course | RFH | RFHTM |
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| | <u>13:00</u> | Lunch | VIR | RFHTM |
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| | <u>14:00</u> | Evasive Driving (cont.) | RFHTM | RFHTM |
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| | <u>18:00</u> | Supper | OYO | |
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| 6 | <u>8:30</u> | Evasive Driving Course 2 | RFHTM | RFHTM |
| (Fri) | | | | |
| | <u>13:00</u> | Lunch | VIR | RFHTM |
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| | <u>13:00</u> | Evasive Driving 2 (cont.) | RFHTM | RFHTM |
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| | <u>18:00</u> | Supper | OYO | |
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| 7 | <u>8:30</u> | Unimproved Surface | RFHTM | RFHTM |
| (Sat) | | | | |
| | <u>13:00</u> | Lunch | VIR | RFHTM |
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| | <u>14:00</u> | Weapons Familiarization | RFHTM | RFHTM |
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| | <u>16:30</u> | Final Debrief/Evals/Certs | RFHTM | RFHTM |
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| | <u>18:00</u> | End/Supper | OYO | |
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| 8 | | Depart Hotel by Noon | OYO | |
| (Sun) | | | | |

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