

## **Robert Carlson**

Robert has been with the Memphis Tennessee Police Department since 2009 and has been a full-time Firearms Instructor for the department since 2013. Additionally, he serves as the coordinator for the department's Active Shooter Program, which he developed in 2014. As the subject matter expert in Active Shooter response, he facilitates Active Shooter Response Training for over 2,000 officers annually, trains Fire/EMS response, and conducts awareness and preparation training for the entire city. He has been recognized as a national expert in Active Shooters, speaking at numerous conferences and media outlets internationally, and was recognized in 2014 as one of the largest Active Shooter Instructors in the United States. Also, as an expert in vehicle-based Counter Ambush training for law Enforcement, Robert has created several ambush training programs and been featured in training videos on Law Enforcement Ambush Response and fighting around vehicles.

As an EMT and with extensive training in tactical medical operations in both police and military roles, in 2021, Robert was selected to become the lead TECC Instructor for the Regional Counterdrug Training Academy in Meridian, MS. As a federally funded program, he provides tactical medical training to officers around the country at no cost to their agencies.

Robert has spent over 26 years in the United States Air Force. For nearly 20 years he was a member of the Security Forces and served as the NCOIC of training for several units. He spent 3 years assigned as a Ground Combat Instructor for the 96<sup>th</sup> Ground Combat Training Squadron where he was responsible for training approximately 1,200 students annually on advanced combat tactics, troop leadership, and urban warfare. During that time, he also served as the Air Forces lead instructor in Force-on-Force Training and Reality Based Training, developing many protocols and guidelines that are still in use to this day. In 2016, Robert became an Air Force Special Warfare Tactical Air Control Party (TACP) specialist and currently serves as a Joint Terminal Attack Controller (JTAC).

Robert is the owner of Brave Defender Training Group LLC, providing firearms, medical, tactics, and instructor development training to members of the Law Enforcement and military community.

Robert has also worked as an Adjunct Instructor for several organizations providing training across the country in Active Shooter Response, Low Light Engagements, and Counter Ambush. He has also been published in various outlets on topics from Low Light Engagements, Active Shooters, Officer survival, and Instructor Development.

Robert's Law Enforcement background includes serving on several SWAT/SRT teams in roles from Team Leader, shield operator, team medic, and SWAT Trainer.

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