



Solo Specialists

Solo protection is one of the most demanding responsibilities in the field of personal security. While team-based operations benefit from layered roles and shared responsibilities, the solo protector must absorb the full weight of operational demands—often under more constrained, dynamic, and uncertain conditions.

At Tom Sotis LLC, our Solo Protector module is specifically designed to prepare professionals for the complex realities of operating alone. Through edged weapon training, solo protectors gain a vital skillset that bridges the tactical gap between empty-hand defense and the use of firearms, especially in environments where space, legality, or public safety limit traditional responses.

The Reality of Solo Assignments

A Science All Its Own:

Solo protection isn't a scaled-down version of team protection, it's a discipline with its own science, tactics, and performance demands. Escorting a principal through informal outings—such as shopping, dining, or sightseeing—may seem straightforward, but in reality, these relaxed scenarios often present the greatest risks. When the visible security footprint is minimal, opportunistic threats see an opening.

No Backup. No Margin for Error:

Solo protectors must remain ready to respond to a wide range of threats without immediate support. A simple walk-through of public spaces — subway platforms, elevators, retail districts, crowded events — can become a rapidly unfolding incident. Firearms may not be permitted or appropriate, and unarmed methods may not provide the stopping power required. Edged weapon skills offer protectors an immediate, adaptable, and discreet response tool that minimizes risk to innocent bystanders.

Facing Modern Threats with Traditional Tools

Sophisticated Adversaries, Unpredictable Conditions:

Modern-day aggressors are often emboldened, informed, and equipped—drawing from online tutorials, tactical media, and violent propaganda. In regions with deep cultural roots in bladed combat, such as the Middle East or parts of Africa, knives and machetes are not only prevalent—they are expected threats. Whether deployed solo in a hostile environment or separated from the team by accident, miscommunication, or engagement, the protector must remain self-reliant.

High-Density Environments and Restricted Zones:

From concerts and nightclubs to crowded terminals, public venues introduce risk factors that make traditional defensive measures more complicated. In many of these spaces, protectors face legal, spatial, or practical limitations on carrying firearms. Edged weapon training gives them a non-



lethal, precision-controlled alternative that can neutralize threats without causing public panic or collateral harm.

Responsibilities Multiply When You Operate Alone

Two Lives, One Line of Defense:

Unlike in a team, the solo protector is responsible for both the safety of the principal and their own survival—because if the protector goes down, the principal is left completely unguarded. In scenarios such as armed robbery, abduction attempts, or direct assaults, protectors are often the first targets. Knife training enables them to stay in the fight, protect their principal, and prevail in close-range engagements.

Complex Threats, Simplified Tools:

In worst-case scenarios, edged weapons offer the protector a decisive, low-profile tool for stopping a threat instantly—with minimal risk to bystanders. This is not about escalation about having the right tool for the right moment when no other option can deliver both safety and precision.

Professionalism, Confidence, and Client Assurance

When Firearms Aren't Preferred:

Many principals are uneasy with the presence of firearms. In other jurisdictions, they're outright prohibited. Yet in all cases, principals expect protection that is capable, effective, and discreet. Edged weapon proficiency signals preparedness and competence—qualities that build trust and reassure clients that their protector is equipped to handle any situation.

A Presence That Commands Respect:

There's a quiet authority that surrounds a protector skilled with a blade. It's a reputation that earns respect without bravado. Clients recognize it. Adversaries sense it. And it sets the solo protector apart from others.

Conclusion: Elite Training for an Elite Role

The demands of solo protection are unlike any other. The role requires physical endurance, mental clarity, legal discretion, and tactical precision, often under conditions that provide no support, no second chance, and no room for error.

AG's Solo Protector module ensures professionals are trained, equipped, and mentally conditioned for this elite role. Our edged weapon training fills the critical void between hand-to-hand tactics and firearms—providing protectors with the skillset, mindset, and confidence required to succeed.

Because when you're operating alone, you are the strategy, the response, and the last line of defense.