



**TOM SOTIS LLC**

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## **THOMAS SOTIS**

*Personal Safety Consultant*

### **PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY**

Personal Safety Consultant with 32 years of extensive experience in training and instructing on various fighting methods, including edged weapons and firearms. Renowned for leading over 1500 seminars across 25 countries, with a unique blend of practical and theoretical expertise, he is now well recognized as the leading edged weapons instructor in the world. Recognized for contributions to international and US federal agencies, demonstrating specialized expertise in the use of weapons.

Tom acquired practical fighting experience with criminal violence through decades of working in conflict-oriented professions as a criminal investigator, undercover investigator, fugitive recovery agent, executive protector, and nightclub security.

Tom Sotis LLC presently comprises three training companies: Truly Safer (Self-Protection), Amok Global (Use of Weapons) and Carry Safer (Defensive Shooting) as well as Performance Optimization Coaching and Motivational Profiling Analysis.

During his lifetime studies on psychology and human performance, Tom became a certified Motivation Analyst licensed to administer and interpret the Reiss Motivation Profile®, the world's first scientifically validated and most accurate method of personality profiling and predicting behavior.

To date, Tom has authored *The Way of Tactics*, *Global Crime Syndicates*, *The Science of Motivation*, *Unbreakable Honor*, *Truly Safer*, *Bounty Hunters*, and *Sharp Strategies*.

Tom has trained numerous United States and foreign government agencies, specialist military teams, and various levels of law enforcement agencies. This list includes:

#### **International Agencies**

Cambodian Special Forces  
Danish Law Enforcement  
Hellenic (Greek) Coast Guard  
Mexican Federal Police  
Mexican Prison Guards  
New Zealand Prison Guards  
Norwegian Law Enforcement  
Russian Criminal Investigation Division  
Russian Homicide and Major Crimes  
Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs  
Russian Spetsnaz Counterterrorism  
South African Military  
South African Law Enforcement  
South African Corrections  
South African Executive Protection  
Spanish Law Enforcement  
Swedish Law Enforcement



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### **USA Federal Agencies**

US Intelligence Agencies  
US Special Forces  
US Secret Service / CAT / ERT  
Internal Revenue Service / CID  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Drug Enforcement Administration  
Federal US Attorney  
New England Organized Crime / Drug Enforcement Task Force

### **USA State, County, and Municipal Agencies**

USA State and Municipal Agencies  
Massachusetts State Police / SWAT  
Massachusetts State Police  
Massachusetts Defensive Tactics Instructors  
Suffolk County Sheriff's and Corrections  
Rhode Island Sheriffs  
Boston Municipal Police Academy  
Plainville Municipal Police  
Rhode Island Adult Correctional Institute / SWAT  
Rhode Island Brotherhood of Corrections Officers

### **Private Sector**

Private Security Firms  
Companies and Businesses  
Firearms Groups  
Combatives Groups  
Martial arts organizations  
High-risk groups  
Community organizations  
Thousands of individuals

### **Current Memberships and Certifications**

Member of Int'l Assn of Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors  
West Palm Beach Sheriff's Marine Unit volunteer  
Certified US Concealed Carry Association Instructor #2365415  
Certified NRA Pistol / Rifle Instructor #258071315  
Certified First Responder CPR/AED  
Certified First Responder Stop the Bleed  
Certified Motivation Profiler/Analyst  
Boating Safety (NASBLA) recognized by US Coast Guard



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## **Martial Arts Curriculum Vitae**

Having cross-trained since 1969, Tom began teaching professionally in 1982 and presently trains numerous martial arts instructors, masters, and grandmasters from widely diverse disciplines around the world. Tom has neither offered, nor accepted, any rank or title in martial arts since 2001.

## **Documented Martial Training**

World Kickboxing Champion – World Professional Karate Organization, NY 1980  
First Degree Black Belt – Nick Cerio’s Kenpo 1983  
Second Degree Black Belt – International Kenpo Karate Association 1983  
Sifu (Instructor) of Kuntao (Southern Chinese Kung-fu) 1985  
Founded the International Blade Fighters Guild and AMOK! Combatives 1992  
Guru (Instructor) of Kali-Silat (Filipino-Indonesian Martial Art) 1994  
Kali training with Filipino WW2 veterans – Mambukal Mountain, Negros, Philippines 1996  
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Guru (Instructor) of Pekiti-Trankadas-Echikete (Stick & Aldabon knife system) 1996  
Mata-as na Guro (Master) of Kali – Bacolod Negros Arnis-Kali Escrima Federation 1996  
Professor (Highest Level) of Dagaso-Tirsia Daga (Filipino knife system) 1996  
Professor (Highest Level) of Pekiti-Tirsia Daga (Filipino knife system) 1996  
Fifth Degree Black Belt (Master) in Kenpo-Kobudo Karate 1999  
Master Instructor of the Year - United International Kung-fu Hall of Fame 2000  
Mandala (Master Instructor) of Knifefighting – Philippine Grand Magesterium Award 2000  
Lifetime Achievement Award - Action Martial Arts Hall of Fame 2001  
Professor (Highest Level) of Qol Demama Daga (Filipino knife system) 2001

## **Notable Achievements**

Order of Sikatuna Award presented by Philippine Presidential Command  
Special Advisor to Ministry of Internal Affairs, Bashkortostan, Russia  
Honorary Member of the Crimson Berets – Russian Spetsnaz  
Chief Instructor at Russian CID - Homicide and Major Crimes  
Instructor at Karat – Russian Executive Protection Training Academy

## **Firearms Training**

Russia: AK-47, Pistol  
South Africa: R4, Shotgun, Pistol  
USA: AR-15, Carbine, Shotgun, Lever Action, Bolt Action, Pistol

## **Other Training**

Survival: Knife-only Survival, Bushcraft & Primitive methods  
Security: Locksmith, Safe, Safe Deposit & Vault Technician  
Aquatic: boating, sailing, canoeing, rafting, swimming  
Sub-Aquatic: Free diving/Hunting, Nitrox and Rescue Diver



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