



# 2018 CLOSE PROTECTION CONFERENCE

Speakers & Panel Leads



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# CHRISTIAN WEST OUTLIER OPERATIONS

For more than 20 years Christian West has protected clients all over the world. He has provided executive protection for corporations, high net worth individuals, celebrities and various government and royal personalities. Christian has served as protection team member, detail leader, program manager, security advisor, security manager and is considered to be an expert in the field of personal protection. He has worked in more than 90 countries around the globe and has played a key role in building some of the most successful EP programs. Many of these programs have been running for more than 15 years.

Christian West is currently the CEO and Founder of AS Solution, one of the world's leading providers of Executive Protection and secure transportation. Since its start in 2003, AS Solution has evolved in to a group of companies with more than 600 employees and 14 offices around the world. The latest addition to the AS Solution portfolio, AS Solution Maritime, was named Security Company of the Year in 2012. Christian has been the CEO and driving force in all of AS Solution's successes around the world.

Prior to founding AS Solution, Christian created West Security (1998 to 2001), which became the leading provider of specialized security solutions in Scandinavia. West Security was acquired by Dansikring (Today Securitas) in 2001 and he served as the Manager of the Securitas Special Unit from 2001 to 2003.



Outlier Protective Operations  
Saturday, December 1st, 2018

2:15 PM - 3:00 PM



# CHRIS MARSHALL

## SOLO PRACTITIONERS

Chris Marshall is a former United States Marine Corps Non-Commissioned Officer who has been in the protective security industry for the two decades. Chris specializes in providing professional physical security standards, with specific knowledge of personnel protection, investigations, intelligence and guard force operations. He has extensive experience in working cross-culturally environment and developing management skills with leadership staff; train-the-trainer experience within the military, law enforcement, and private sector.

Chris is a proven operator in implementing effective security platforms for civilian operations in conflict zones, including crisis management and utilized these skills in Iraq and Afghanistan. Chris has a BA in Security Management from the American Public University and is a volunteer for Team Rubicon, a disaster and relief organization and for the International Protective Security Board. Chris is best known for his networking ninja skills and is an accomplished public speaker and trainer.



Solo Practitioners  
Friday, November 30th, 2018

11:30 AM - 12:15 PM

# CHUCK TOBIN AFTER THE AOP

As the President of AT-RISK International, LLC for more than 13 years, Chuck Tobin brings his over 27 years of experience in the industry and his values towards quality and dedication to the services provided. Through his background and expertise, Chuck has created a strong team of industry professionals with a vast network of resources.

During 2007 and 2008, Chuck served as the National Director of Security for the Hillary Clinton for President Campaign, securing facilities and events throughout every state in the nation, as well as managing a variety of direct and indirect threats to the candidate. He has also served as security consultant to a Greek political party and its leader George Papandreou, as well as protected and consulted with several other international political candidates. Chuck has provided protective and investigative services to clients globally as well as conducting training for transition forces, protection teams, and investigators from Beijing to Washington, DC.

Chuck is currently the former President for the Association of Threat Assessment Professionals (ATAP) and directs the organization's growth and development. Chuck oversees various ATAP programs to include international education and relationship development, standards development, and organizational resilience. He is currently a Certified Threat Manager through the Association.

Prior to establishing AT-RISK, Chuck was the Managing Director of Training for Vance International's Education and Training Team, overseeing all internal and external training programs. His responsibilities included curriculum development and implementation of programs for their uniformed division and executive protection programs.

Chuck established himself early in volunteer capacities by obtaining his Eagle Scout from the Boy Scouts of America. Since then he has continued to volunteer in various religious and political capacities as well as contributing and competing in events to fight leukemia and cancer.



After The AOP  
Saturday, December 1st, 2018

1:30 PM - 2:15 PM

# JAMES HAMILTON

## INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS

James Hamilton is a widely regarded expert on protection recruited by GDBA from the FBI, where he served as the Supervisory Special Agent handpicked to create, develop, and implement the FBI Academy's Protective Training curriculum. His courses are currently taught to protectors at the NSA, NYPD, and many other agencies.

James served as the Personal Security Advisor for the Attorney General and the two most recent Directors of the FBI. He was hand-selected for the FBI Tactical Training Unit, responsible for creating and developing the FBI Active Shooter training and guidance program. James is a certified FBI Instructor in Firearms, Active Shooter, Tactical Skills, Emergency Driving, and SWAT Operations. He was a Team Leader and Manager for the FBI's Overseas Survival Awareness Program widely valued by officials and corporations working in high-risk areas. James also served four years on the Protection Team for the FBI Director, and three years on the Joint Terrorism Task Force that he was selected to create after 9/11.

At GDBA, James creates training initiatives for GDBA protectors around the world. He also audits and improves numerous protective programs to ensure each program meets the client's unique needs. James earned his bachelor's degree in Political Science from The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina. He is also a member of the ASIS Executive Protection Council.

International Operations  
Saturday, December 1st, 2018

3:30 PM - 4:15 PM

# PAUL WHITE

## CELEBRITY PROTECTION

Paul A. White has had a very diverse career. He started out in 1994 as a Law Enforcement Trainer / Paramedic in Northern New Jersey. His career took a shift when he moved to Pennsylvania to work as a Bail Enforcement Agent where he quickly worked his way up and was recognized as one of the Top 5 Bail Enforcement Agents on the East Coast.

While working as a Bail Enforcement Agent, Paul was given the opportunity to work as a Close Protection Specialist for a high-profile music group on a full-time basis. He toured with the music group for a year, supporting protectives efforts as the group created a new album and conducted a worldwide concert tour.

Since that time, Paul continued working on Close Protection details, both nationally and internationally he supports a wide range of clients which include businessmen, royal families, political dignitaries, and celebrities.

Throughout his entire career, Paul also works as a Close Protection Tactics Instructor, Law Enforcement Firearms Instructor. He feels that continuing education and training is paramount to anyone who aspires to protect someone or puts a firearm in their hand.

Paul manages his own security consulting and Investigation agency focusing on high-risk protection operations.



Celebrity Protection  
Friday, November 30th, 2018

2:15 PM - 3:00 PM

# CALEB GILBERT

## DEVELOPING PRACTITIONERS

Caleb Gilbert has been working in the security industry since 1998 and has been a lifelong connoisseur of executive protection. His education started at ESI in 2002 and since then, his ongoing academic development has included over 200, security specific courses, NREMT, his Undergraduate Certificate in Homeland Security, Undergraduate Degree in Security Management (Southwestern College), Graduate Certificate in International Security (Stanford University) and is currently working on his thesis for the Master's in Global Security Studies program at Johns Hopkins University.

Caleb has managed and worked in protective operations in 32 countries and over 250 US cities and he is currently the Sr. Manager, Global Protective Services for PayPal Inc. Over the course of his career; he has managed and developed executive protection, residential protection, covert protection, surveillance detection teams for ultra-high net worth, corporate and celebrity principals. Caleb has developed and continues to systematically improve and instruct, Covert Protection, low-profile-high-efficiency protection tactics, techniques and procedures that are currently being deployed on protection details worldwide.



Developing Practitioners  
Saturday, December 1st, 2018

11:00 AM - 11:45 AM

# SHAWN LEWIS LESSONS LEARNED

Shawn L. Lewis is currently a security director out of Houston, Texas. He is formerly the President of an international security firm providing custom consulting, training, security and support solutions to governments and corporations around the globe. He is a veteran of the US Army and has over 17 years of Law Enforcement experience. He has been a Team Leader and Primary Instructor for the US Department of State Diplomatic Security Service Anti-Terrorism Assistance Program, training foreign counter terrorism and close protection units in weapons and tactics. He has worked and trained in over 20 foreign countries. Shawn holds an Advanced Peace Officer License in Texas, is a TCOLE Firearms Instructor and a graduate of the FBI Firearms Instructor course. He has authored USG and state certified course programs for weapons, use of force, and tactics training. Mr. Lewis is the recipient of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, State of Texas, Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award in 2001.

Lessons Learned  
Friday, November 30th, 2018

4:00 PM - 4:45 PM