



EWS TRAINING SERVICES

EVENT SECURITY
PLANNING & RSP
COURSE





WELCOME

Planning for major events where the potential for a terrorist attack exists poses challenges for even the most experienced security professionals.

When the potential for the use of improvised explosive devices (IEDs, RCIEDs and drone-delivered) is added, and the large crowd numbers pose challenges for an effective EOD response, then the task is even more daunting.

The aim of the Event Security Planning & Render Safe Procedure Course (ESPRC) is to provide peer to peer mentoring to those who are engaged in the planning and specialist response for international and local sporting events.

By using recognized professionals with relevant experience and based on a unique knowledge of the global threat, our aim is to develop professional skills and operational decision making, and above all else, practice individual, team and collective responses in real-world, relevant scenarios.





INTELLIGENCE-LED TRAINING



All the training we deliver is realistic, backed up by intelligence and viable to the operations your team will conduct. These courses will provide all the tactics needed to quickly respond, mitigate and recover in the event of an IED attack.

EWS, in collaboration with PowderTrain Inc, provides IED intelligence to many organizations around the world based on the proprietary Open Source Threat Database (OSTD).



The OSTD is a near-real time IED intelligence source containing over 55,500 IED events, painstakingly categorized into EOD/Bomb Squad language. This data ensures our training is based on real events, with real devices and incidents geared towards the local area where you operate.

We can tailor our courses to any specific events your team has a responsibility for, or generic capacity building.



EWS supports operations and operational teams globally with extensive deployed experience of areas of conflict, including recent work in Somalia, Afghanistan, Iraq, Mali and other areas of West Africa. We have supported many teams in the defeat of domestic terrorism, including LASD, Riverside County Sheriff's Dept and Boston Police Department in the USA, and the UK's SO15 EOD Unit from the Metropolitan Police Service in London.



**Training and capability building
for real world situations**

CURRICULUM

Overview:	Each course is specifically tailored to the needs of your team and organizational objectives. We aim to do as much hands on and situational training as possible, with a 'train as you fight' mentality. The course will provide all the tactics needed to quickly respond, mitigate and recover in the event of an IED attack.
Intended audience:	Managers, new or Certified Bomb Technicians, and other specialist teams, such as SWaT, HDT and HAZMAT. This course is especially pertinent to Explosive Ordnance personnel who are tasked with the planning and preparation for large international events, such as the Olympics or the World Cup, and local sporting events at stadiums and sporting venues where large crowds pose challenges for an effective EOD response.
Standard course content:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">~ Planning~ VBIED theory and practical~ RCIED theory and practical~ Realistic CAT A scenarios~ Bomb Squad / SWaT or HAZMAT integration~ TACTICAL Bomb Tech focussed scenarios~ Search
Course length:	Typically 5 or 10 Day blocks
Students per course:	No maximum

OUR TEAM

Our aim is to bring together the exact team to drive and challenge your training requirement.

Real world experience and a hands-on approach underpins what we do.

With that in mind, our four lead instructors for the ESPRC bring a unique blend of experience garnered over many decades of operational duty and subsequent global exposure in the private sector.

Our ethos is to bring together a team that cover all the planning, training and RSP considerations based on hard lessons learned in the USA, UK and in operational theaters.



CHRIS CONNOLLY



Chris has recently retired as the Commander of Boston Police Department's Explosive Ordnance Unit.

Chris is well known to many bomb squad commanders, bomb techs and the operational community, and has shared his experiences learned as the On Scene Commander for the Boston Marathon attacks within the counter-terrorism community.

The Tactics, Techniques and Procedures (TTPs) utilized on that day of the Boston Marathon, and the seamless integration of regional Bomb Squads, allows Chris to offer unique insights into creating 'Best in Practice' solutions for large scale events.

Chris brings over 34 years' of service with Boston Police Department to the team, along with a pragmatic approach to getting things done.

His unique experiences regarding the key challenges faced when organising the Boston Marathon, St Patrick's Day Parade and the planning of many major sporting events provide invaluable context to the training course.



BOB EPPS



Bob served 11 years in the United States Marine Corps and a total of 16 years on the Riverside County Sheriff's Hazardous Device Team. For 11 years he was also the RC Bomb Squad Commander.

Bob was the International Director for the International Association of Bomb Technicians and Investigators (IABTI) from 2019 to 2022. He is currently the IABTI Region 1 Director.

For Riverside County, he planned and coordinated bomb/IED support for several large events including the Coachella Music Festival, Stagecoach, the Indian Wells Tennis Tournament, the Temecula Balloon and Wine Festival, and several other local events.

PHILIP HUNT



A veteran of 37 years in the Royal Air Force (RAF) serving as a Warrant Officer (OR9) and the most senior RAF EOD/IEDD Operator, Phil's operational experience is extensive with many operational awards to his name and deployments as a High Threat EOD operator.

Phil's knowledge of weapons systems, munitions and his explosive safety track record compounds what he brings to our training events. As a training specialist, Phil has served in key posts in the UK EOD and IEDD world and was instrumental in the strategic planning, development, and management of training for all IEDD teams in advance of the 2012 London Olympic Games.

TROY PHILLIPS



Key to successfully mitigating threats for major events is the planning and practicing for the use of specialist equipment, and in particular ECM.

Troy has been involved in mitigating the threat from RCIEDs for many decades. Initially as a UK High Threat ECM Operator, Advisor, Operations Officer, EOD ECM Chief Instructor and subsequently in industry.

Troy is well known to many IABTI members for sharing his knowledge on RCIEDs and ECM. He was the lead designer of the first HDS counter RCIED ECM Course and subsequently delivered the course to the S&L community.

Troy was instrumental in setting up formal training for the USMC's counter RCIED electronic warfare (CREW – ECM) program in 29 Palms, CPEN and CLJN, and speaks fluent American English!

Troy's exposure to industry and his knowledge of ECM TTPs, equipment and training takes him all over the world, and he is currently an ECM advisor to the UK's Counter Terrorism Command (SO15) and other global entities.

**Training with real devices,
based on real events**



CONTACT US

The key to successful training is collaboration and working in a peer to peer, respectful manner.

There is no standard course for what we can offer, so we welcome the opportunity to have a discussion at any point.

If you are interested in establishing whether our training suits the needs of your team or organization, please contact us to chat through the options.

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