We provide training, advisory, and continuing education programs to better prepare your organization for evolving threats and emergency situations.

OUR MISSION

By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail.

Benjamin Franklin
Tomahawk personnel include Special Forces operators, corporate security experts, SWAT/ESU/Patrol officers (retired and active) hand-selected for their specialized skills and experience, as well as combat and civilian medics. Our staff has unparalleled experience conducting a wide spectrum of operations – from direct action, to clandestine reconnaissance, to training and advising foreign and domestic military and law enforcement agencies. Our careers have been defined by accomplishing complex missions in the most difficult of circumstances.

We are passionate about our work and are dedicated to helping our clients achieve their goals.

The Tomahawk Team
We take a holistic approach to analyzing your security needs through a variety of methods, to include a physical security policy review and penetration testing (physical & cyber). Through our vulnerability analysis we will provide a detailed assessment that will identify the strengths and weaknesses of your organization’s security. Our approach has proven to both enhance security and limit corporate liability.
People make their own luck by great preparation and good strategy.

Jack Canfield

Our team has decades of experience addressing active threats, both foreign and domestic. We conduct a comprehensive review of your current company policy and, if needed, will make recommendations to improve this policy. We also provide guidance as to how your policy should be disseminated to employees. If your organization does not have an active threat policy, we will work with you to develop a framework that meets the specific needs of your organization.
Changing security dynamics across the globe are prompting institutions to reexamine and augment policies regarding active shooter and terrorism-related threats. Tomahawk is qualified and prepared to comprehensively analyze and test your existing plans and procedures in conjunction with law enforcement and first responder personnel and policies. We provide hands-on training to employees to provide your team with practical experience in a variety of real-life scenarios.
Bringing law enforcement and private enterprise together to build stronger, safer communities. Integration is a key component to success. There are three parties involved in an incident: the threat, first responders, and bystanders/institutions. The Tomahawk team specializes in the integration of institutions and first responders, as well as researching and staying ahead of modern threats. Our programs integrate personnel on multiple levels as our team has real world experience working with multiple agencies and organizations in very complex and dynamic environments.

BRIDGING THE GAP

I never 'worry' about action, but only about inaction.

Winston Churchill
Scenario based training exercises provide real world experience and reveal weaknesses in policy, employee training programs, and corporate preparedness. The Tomahawk staff conducts on-site scenario instruction on a multitude of levels in order to provide our clients with cutting edge training without interrupting workflow.
Tomahawk provides top-of-the-line emergency medicine instruction tailored to the corporate sector. We prepare individuals for emergency situations, and provide the skills and knowledge necessary to save lives until EMS can arrive. The instruction is applicable in a multitude of situations be it in the workplace or at home, and also becomes a great team building exercise for all involved.
Our team takes pride in learning the environment and culture of each organization in order to tailor the training accordingly and avoid interrupting everyday workflow. The training programs developed by Tomahawk range from interactive threat seminars to full-scale citywide exercises.

ACTIVE THREAT TRAINING

Do not freeze. React and do something! It is happening. Recognize that you need to act in order to survive.

Keith Walawender | CEO Tomahawk Strategic Solutions
The Tomahawk armed carry training takes a full-spectrum approach by educating participants on the proper procedures to identify and respond to active threats, interface with law enforcement, and help ensure the safety of employees. After the threat or incident has subsided, the work is NOT over. The situation is now in the “recover” phase. Trainees will be able to provide the emergency care to bridge the gap until EMS and first responder personnel arrive.
“So, first of all, let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself – nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance. In every dark hour of our national life a leadership of frankness and vigor has met with that understanding and support of the people themselves which is essential to victory.” 

Franklin D. Roosevelt
Tomahawk delivered! They were extremely organized and good at what they do. I have never received more positive feedback from my employees for any training that we have done.

Joshua Waldron | CEO SilencerCo

Companies are only as good as the people running them, so it’s a no-brainer that the Tomahawk Strategic Solutions team is among the best.

Suzanne Kelly | CEO | The Cipher Brief

Our ability to nimbly adapt to each client’s unique set of circumstances, requirements, and goals sets us apart from the rest of the industry and allows us to succeed with an extensive but varied client base.

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KEITH WALAWENDER
Chief Executive Officer

Chief Special Warfare Operator (SEAL) Keith Walawender medically retired from the US military in 2014 after sustaining a serious injury during a combat operation. Before retiring, Chief Walawender served 15 years in the Special Operations community, including six years at SEAL Team TWO and over eight years at Naval Special Warfare Development Group. His tenure included ten deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and numerous other missions worldwide. Chief Walawender’s many combat communications include the Silver Star Medal, two Bronze Star Medals with combat valor, two Joint Service Commendation Medals with combat valor, three Presidential Unit Citations, and numerous other joint and individual awards.

Currently, Mr. Walawender serves as the Chief Executive Officer of Tomahawk Strategic Solutions, which he founded with Ret. Chief Mike Biller to help serve those who are currently serving and to help corporate leaders provide safer and more secure environments for their employees and communities. Mr. Walawender also serves on the NRA Education and Training Committee as well as the NRA Military Veteran’s Circle of Concern. Additionally, he serves on the board for the Economic Crime and Cybersecurity Institute of Utica College. Mr. Walawender is a native of Dunkirk, New York. He enlisted in the US Navy in August of 1999 and graduated from Utica College. Mr. Walawender is a native of Dunkirk, New York. He and his family live in Nashville, Tennessee.

MIKE BILLER
President | COO

Chief Special Warfare Operator (SEAL) Michael Biller medically retired from the US military in 2013 after 15 years of service in the Special Operations community, including three years at SEAL Team FOUR and eight years at Naval Special Warfare Development Group. During his time in the Navy, Chief Biller conducted ten deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and numerous other missions worldwide. Chief Biller’s many combat communications include the Bronze Star Medal with combat valor, three Joint Service Commendation Medals with combat valor, the Navy and Marine Commendation Medal with combat valor, three Presidential Unit Citations, and numerous other joint and individual awards.

Currently, Mr. Biller serves as the President and Chief Operating Officer of Tomahawk Strategic Solutions, which he and Ret. Chief Keith Walawender founded to help serve those who are currently serving and to help corporate leaders provide safer and more secure environments for their employees and communities. Mr. Biller is a native of Cincinnati, Ohio. He enlisted in the US Navy in 1996 and graduated from Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL training in November of 2002 and was assigned to Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL training in 1997. Mr. Biller held a B.S. in Strategic Studies and Defense Analysis from Norwich University. He lives in Washington, DC with his wife Anne, who serves as an officer in the US State Department.

MATT COUFALIK
Senior Vice President

Senior Chief Special Warfare Operator (SEAL) Matthew Coufalik retired from the US military in 2016 after 20 years of service in the Special Operations community, including eight years at SEAL Team TWO and ten years at Naval Special Warfare Development Group. During his tenure, Senior Chief Coufalik conducted 13 combat deployments in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and several other missions worldwide. His many combat communications include the Silver Star Medal, three Bronze Star Medals with combat valor, three Joint Service Commendation Medals with combat valor, two Navy and Marine Commendation Medals with combat valor, the Defense Meritorious Service Award, three Presidential Unit Citations, and numerous other joint and individual awards.

Shortly after retirement, Mr. Coufalik accepted the role of Senior Vice President of Tomahawk Strategic Solutions and is dedicated to helping both the public and private sectors better protect themselves and the communities in which they serve. Mr. Coufalik is a native of Cleveland, Ohio. He enlisted in the Navy in 1996 and graduated from Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL training in 1997. Mr. Coufalik holds a B.S. in Strategic Studies and Defense Analysis from Norwich University. He lives in Washington, DC with his wife Anne, who serves as an officer in the US State Department.

JULIANNA SMITH
Business Manager

Ms. Smith grew up in a law enforcement and military family and has seen firsthand the incredible set of skills that retirees from both these sectors can offer. She knows Tomahawk is serving more than just their clients by employing these experts and considers it an honor to work alongside these professionals.

Ms. Smith holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Minnesota–Twin Cities.

She and her dog moved to Nashville from Salt Lake City, Utah. With a passion for an active and outdoor lifestyle, Ms. Smith has enjoyed getting to know her new surroundings. You can usually find her running on the trails, biking, or climbing if she’s not sipping whiskey on a patio somewhere.
Mr. McLallen has been the principal of Meritage Capital Advisors, advising corporations in structuring debt and private equity transactions and providing strategic consulting, since 2004. He is a Director of publicly-traded AerCap Holdings N.V. (AER-NYSE), and of Differential Brands Group Inc. (DFBG-NASDAQ). Mr. McLallen is also a Director of Timeless Wine Company (the producer of Silver Oak, Twomey and OVID wines), adMarketplace, Worldwise Pet Products, Dutchland Plastics, among other privately held companies and philanthropic organizations. He was an advisor to and Director of the Remington Outdoor Company from 2006 through June 2015 and served as Vice Chairman of the Board for the last five years of such period. Mr. McLallen was a Managing Director of CIBC World Markets from 1995 to 2004, during which he was Head of Debt Capital Markets from 1997 to 2004, as well as Head of High Yield Distribution from 2001 to 2004. Prior to CIBC, Mr. McLallen held positions at The Argosy Group and Drexel Burnham Lambert. Mr. McLallen received a B.A. in Economics and Finance from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1988. He resides in Nashville, Tennessee with his son.