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FireFighter / Nationally Registered Emergency
Medical Technician (EMT)

*Results-driven professional with extensive military background and a record of performance
excellence in fire ground and security operations.*

Career Experience

Baltimore City Fire Department,

2022 – Pres.

Firefighter / Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Rescue Company #1

Rescue Technician - Technical Rope Rescue I / II Course / Rescue Technician - Confined Space Rescuer I / II Course /
Rescue Technician - Swiftwater and Flood Rescue Course / Rescue Technician - Vehicle and Machinery Extrication I / II
Course / Rescue Technician - Site Operations Course / Hazardous Materials Operations Course / Firefighter I / II Course /
Firefighter Survival and Rescue Course / Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Course /
Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technician / Emergency Vehicle Operator Course

Tradepoint Atlantic,

2017 – 2021

Director of Security, Facility Security Officer (FSO)

Drove results for security operations at our 3,300-acre facility, including rail, maritime, Auto/RORO, Bulk/BreakBulk vessels, and facility operations. Acted as intermediary between US Coast Guard and US Customs for security-related events within our marine terminal and the Port of Baltimore. Maintained compliance with all federal, state, and local requirements and agency guidance, policies, and directives. Served as Incident Commander (IC) and coordinated with all federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies and emergency responders on emergency preparedness, response, and contingency planning. Protected “Restricted and Secure/Restricted” areas and handled Sensitive Security Information (SSI) and security-related communications. Managed budget of \$2M and a workforce of third-party security professionals.

- Led several security operations related to high profile events, such as partnering with Personal Security Details (PSD) for The European Union (EU) Ambassador to the US, Denmark, and Ireland, as well as Governor Larry Hogan, Baltimore County Executive John Olszewski Jr, and other State Senators and local Councilman.
- Implemented and maintained the Facility Security Plan (FSP) and standard operating procedures for the facility.
- Participated in facility security audits, assessments, and planning through the US Coast Guard, and passed three consecutive annual audits and several unannounced inspections.
- Awarded the 2020 Richard E. Bennis Award for Excellence in Maritime Security by the US Coast Guard.

Joint Security Solutions LLC

2016 – 2017

Director of Security

Delivered physical security of naval ships, MV Cape Washington and MV Cape Wrath, stationed at Pier 6, Port Covington, Baltimore. Led security operations, including managing security scanning software, reports, and training/coaching security officers. Developed and executed standard operating procedures (SOPs) to ensure compliance with the contract.

Security Contracting & Consulting

2011 – 2016

Principal

Delivered armed security through high-risk waters and conducted anti-piracy operations throughout the Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea, Gulf of Oman, Persian Gulf, and the Indian Ocean, in role as Team Leader.

- Trained members of the Indian Navy and Nepalese Gurkhas on weapons, tactics, and anti-piracy operations off the coast of Somalia.

- Assumed role as Chief Instructor of Firearms and Tactics for Third Country National(s)/TCN training cycles in Uganda.
- Trained local nationals from Uganda and Kenya on weapons and tactics for Department of States Worldwide Protective Services (WPS) mission at the U.S. Embassy in Basra, Iraq, and the Department of Defense mission in Afghanistan.
- Partnered with training security consultants at the King Abdullah Special Operations Training Center (KASOTC) Jordan.
- Served as Subject Matter Expert (SME) tasked with the training of forward deploying Naval Special Operations forces at the Joint Expeditionary Base East, Fort Story, VA.

United States Army National Guard

2010 – 2015

Senior Sniper, Sniper Team Leader - Sniper Section, HHC, 1st Battalion, 175th Infantry Regiment

Assumed role as sniper section training NCO, designed/led implementation of sniper section doctrine, SOPs, and collaborated on the execution of training evolutions with the sniper section leader. Instructed junior soldiers on leadership while maintaining proficiency on sniper related tasks to include: field craft skills (stalking, concealments, and techniques of camouflage), land navigation, marksmanship, patrolling, communications, and intelligence collection, analysis, and dissemination.

- Served as advisor to intelligence officers, operations officers, and supporting unit commanders in the training, deployment, and tactical employment of sniper teams.
- Created sniper training program, leading to soldiers graduating from U.S. Army Sniper School, and other U.S. military courses.
- Collaborated with Team Leaders to correct deficiencies in training operations and assisted with the development of the SOPs for the battalion sniper section.

Additional Experience

United States Army National Guard

2009 – 2010

Candidate, Weapons Sergeant (18B) - Detachment 2, Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion, 20th Special Forces Group (Airborne)

United States Marine Corps, Sergeant

2000 – 2004

Section Leader - Assault Section, Weapons Platoon, Echo Company, 2nd Battalion 6th Marine Regiment

Team Leader, Assistant Team Leader - Scout Sniper Platoon, H&S Company, 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment

Radio Operator, Scout Swimmer - Scout Sniper Platoon, H&S Company, 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment

Education

Coursework, National Intelligence and International Security - Stanford University, Stanford, CA

Coursework, Air/ Mixed Gas Diving, Dive Medicine, Underwater Welding - Diver's Academy International, Erial, NJ
Graduated Top of Class • Academic Excellence Award

Coursework, Psychology/General Studies - Community College of Baltimore County, Baltimore, MD

Coursework, Anthropology/General Studies - Saint Leo University, Saint Leo, Florida

Licenses & Certifications

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Hazardous Materials Operations Course

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Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technician
Emergency Vehicle Operator Course
Gavin De Becker & Associates Advanced Threat Assessment Academy
Gavin De Becker & Associates Risk Leadership Academy
US Coast Guard - Seabald & Associates Facility Security Officer (FSO) Course
ANSI/ACDE Commercial Deep-Sea Diver
Professional Association of Diver Instructors (PADI) Enriched Air/Nitrox Diver
Professional Association of Diver Instructors (PADI) Advanced Open Water Diver
Forklift Operator

Affiliations (Current and Past)

United States Marine Corps Scout Sniper Association • United States Army Sniper Association • American Sniper Association • Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) • Area Maritime Security Committee (AMSC) & Intelligence Sub-Committee – US Coast Guard, Sector Maryland/NCR (National Capital Region) • Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council (ATAC) - US States Attorney's Office • Baltimore County Police Department Shield Program