

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

**James D. Carr**

Carr Personal Safety Consulting, LLC

### **TITLE:**

Owner of Carr Personal Safety Consulting LLC, a firm established to provide basic and advanced levels of instruction in threat management, physical security, firearms use and safety skills to private citizens and government personnel. I am a nationally certified firearms instructor and provide regular classes in handgun safety to several of the largest retail sporting goods stores in Western New York. As well, I hold classes in tactics and judicious use of physical & deadly physical force to qualified clients. I have served as an instructor in firearms and tactics at Lethal Force Institute (a school established by noted firearms instructor & author Massad F. Ayoob) training private citizens, law enforcement and military personnel in firearms use (handgun, shotgun, carbine, fully automatic firearms), threat management tactics, weapons retention and defensive tactics.

I also maintain current training and certification at the first responder level in the field of emergency medicine & trauma care.

### **EDUCATION, COLLEGE:**

- Master of Science in Criminal Justice, State University College of Buffalo, 1990
- Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, State University College of Buffalo, 1988
- AAS in Criminal Justice, Niagara County Community College, 1986

### **CERTIFICATIONS / TRAINING:**

- Emergency Medical Technician I, N.Y.S. Dept. of Health, 1986.
- S.C.U.B.A. Openwater I, National Association of Underwater Instructors, 1988.
- Security Guard, N.Y.S. Dept. of State, Div. of Licensing Services, 1994.
- Contact weapons seminar, Dan Inosanto, 1995 (10 hours).
- LFI: I, Judicious Use of Deadly Force, 1996 (40 hours).
- Tactical Handgun, Insights Training Center, 1997 (30 hours).
- Certified Pistol Instructor, National Rifle Assn., 1997.
- LFI: I, Judicious Use of Deadly Force, Lethal Force Institute, 1998 (40 hours).
- LFI: II, Threat Management for Civilians, Lethal Force Institute, 1998 (40 hours).
- Tactical First Aid, Insights Training Center, 1999 (20 hours).
- LFI: III, Advanced Threat Management for Civilians, LFI, 1999 (40 hours).
- Judicious Use of Deadly Physical Force Instructor, LFI, 1999 (40 hours).
- Urban Police Rifle, Los Angeles Police Dept., 2000 (20 hours).
- Defensive Urban Rifle & Shotgun, Defensive Training Int'l., 2000 (20 hours).
- Advanced Handgun Skills, Lethal Force Institute, 2000 (20 hours).
- LFI IV, Advanced Threat Management, Lethal Force Institute, 2001 (80 hours).
- Persuader / Kubaton Instructor, Lethal Force Institute, 2001 (16 hours).
- Handgun Retention Instructor Certification, Lethal Force Institute, 2001 (16 hours).
- Taser Instructor Certification, Taser Int'l, 2001 (8 hours).
- Basic Patrol Rifle Course, North Tonawanda P.D., N.Y., 2003 (16 hours).
- Concealed Firearms Instructor, Utah DPS, Bureau of Criminal Identification, 2009.
- Certified Personal Protection in the Home Instructor, National Rifle Assn., 2009.
- Certified Pistol Instructor, National Rifle Assn., 2009.
- Certified Home Firearm Safety Instructor, National Rifle Assn., 2009.
- Beginning & Intermediate Handgun Course, Defense Training Int'l., 2010 (20 hours).
- Tactical Treatment of Gunshot Wounds Course, Defense Training Int'l., 2010 (10 hours).

- Wilderness & Remote First Aid, American Red Cross, 2012 (20 hours).
- Certified Rifle Instructor, National Rifle Assn. 2012

### **MISCELLANEOUS PERSONAL TRAINING:**

American Society of Law Enforcement Trainers, Int'l. Training Seminar, 1997:  
Courses taken:

- Surviving off duty encounters (Lindsay).
- Teaching female shooters (Bates).
- Ergonomics and conditioning as related to firearms training (Johnson).
- Coaching the novice shooter (Graves).
- Enhancing defensive tactics (Stough).
- Adverse light orientation / firing (Schmitt).
- Fundamentals of soft body armor (Davis).
- Role-playing at all force levels (De Varnay).
- Vehicular Precision Immobilization Technique: P.I.T. (Hollida)

National Tactical Invitational, 1999, 2000, 2001:

- Psychology of homicidal criminal behavior (Gochenour).
- Use of force continuum (Gochenour).
- Priorities of survival and mental conditioning during violent encounters (Hamilton).
- Emergency first aid for self and teammate (Holschen & Shertz)
- Home invasion after action and interaction with first responders (Farnam).
- Historical origin of today's shooting systems (Hamilton).
- Reactionary distance in interpersonal conflict (Holschen).
- The terrorist threat (staff).
- Force on force management (staff).
- Mindset, the ultimate weapon (Stanford).
- Environmental and situational awareness (Dwiggins, Gochenour).

International Association of Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors, Regional Firearms Training Conference, Patrol Rifle Instructor Workshop, April 2003

- Tactical Urban Rifle (Rodriquez)
- Test Protocol – Rifle Ammunition (ATK / Federal)
- Prevailing in Reduced Light Conditions: Patrol Rifle (Boyle)
- Patrol Carbine Cover / Concealment Engagement Techniques (Carroll)
- Tactical Weapons System Briefing / test fire of FN P90 & Five-seveN 5.7 x 28mm systems (FNH, USA)

### **WORK EXPERIENCE RELATED TO THE FIELD:**

- JoMac Security Systems 4/85 – 8/86 (security officer, uniformed – armed). Carried out uniformed patrol, surveillance and active protection details in settings including the Niagara County Social Services Building, public schools and industrial facilities.
- Niagara County Sheriff's Department 6/87 – 9/91 (Assistant to Chief of Special Forces Unit). Assisted Bill Tolhurst, Chief of Sheriff's Special Forces Unit and an internationally recognized expert dog trainer for man trailing, article search, arson, drug and drowning victim detection dogs. I assisted with the training, research and deployment of dogs at crime scenes and

related cases. I was responsible for gaining clearance for Bill, myself and his dog “Candy” to enter Canada and search a War of 1812 battlefield graveyard for American soldiers killed during the siege and battles of Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada. Later, the soldiers from this graveyard were returned to U.S. soil for burial. For this I received a commendation from Congressman John LaFalse.

- Department of Public Safety, Buffalo State College 8/87 – 8/90 (Public Safety Aid and Coordinator of PSA program). Assisted college Dept. of Public Safety Officers in patrolling of campus dormitories, buildings and grounds. Later was promoted to coordinator of the program and supervised 40 PSA’s. In this capacity provided administrative follow-up, scheduling, hiring, training and disciplinary action.
- Buffalo State Presents 8/88 – 12/90 (TV host, organizer and interviewer). Acted as a TV talk show host interviewer and organizer for this official cable TV show of the college. Shows which I did include:
  - Use of law enforcement dogs for man trailing, narcotics and article search
  - Puppy aptitude testing
  - Erie County Sheriff’s Dept. Weapons and Ordnance team
  - U.S. Border Patrol
- Allegheny Ludlum Corp., Special Materials Division (uniformed security) 11/92 – 5/96. Provided asset protection via patrol and intrusion detection systems to a large company specializing in metals used in the aerospace, military and private industry. In addition to traditional security duties, I was tasked and trained to provide primary trauma care and rescue fire fighting for industrial accident victims.
- Johnson’s Country Store 1992 – 2005. Responsible for interacting with a diverse customer base and insuring consumer is matched with the optimum equipment for a given task. Responsible for transporting large quantities of cash and firearms to various locations. Developed a unique proactive sales system for rare and unique merchandise. In charge of stores firearms safety training program.
- J. D. Carr Security Consulting 5/96 – 12/ 09. I have dedicated my efforts through this company to the training of private citizens for the safe, appropriate use of firearms and lawful personal protection issues.
- Carr Personal Safety Consulting LLC 12/09 – present. In 2009 my company became an LLC.

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

- Offered numerous lectures to Criminal Justice classes while attending Buffalo State College. Topics included my experiences as an aide to the Chief of the Sheriff’s Special Forces Unit in the training and use of man trailing, drug detection, article search and drowning victim detection dogs in law enforcement.
- Karate instructor in the traditional Wado-ryu system (9/90 –7/93). Taught students from the age of five to adulthood in this traditional form of Japanese Karate. As an instructor I was responsible for teaching proper mental bearing and attitude, developing proper form, technical correctness and good fighting skills.

- Handgun Safety Instructor (1997 – present). Provide training to students, which will prepare them for safe entry into the field of handgun use and satisfy current County standards for Pistol Permit applications. I improved the class by blending appropriate advanced techniques / training concepts with the basic NRA safety class to create a better rounded training experience which improves student aptitude for applied handgun safety skills.
- Staff Instructor at Lethal Force Institute. Concord, NH (1998 – 2001). While teaching for Massad Ayoob at his training school I was responsible for teaching citizens, police and military personnel, in the judicious use of deadly physical force at both basic and advanced levels. As a staff instructor I trained individuals and groups in threat management, the correct application and use of handguns and shoulder fired weapons, weapons retention skills, defensive tactics and Persuader / Kubaton use. I was tasked with providing special assistance to disabled students or those whose pre-existing injuries called for “customized” techniques or additional training in order to maximize their skill level.
- Threat Management for Pistol Permit Holders Class Instructor (2002 – present). Through my company I have developed and offer a twenty (+) hour Threat Management program especially for private citizens in the Western N.Y. area. This program addresses training needs unique to the lawfully armed private citizen. I developed this class to address training deficiencies unique to N.Y. State: specifically the lack of sound legal and tactical training for private citizens who have a pistol permit and can legally carry handguns for personal or business protection purposes in public places.
- Utah Concealed Firearm Permit Instructor (2009 – present). Certified by the Utah Dept. of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Identification to conduct certification classes allowing citizens to obtain this multi-state concealed handgun carry permit.

## **TELEVISION, RADIO & NEWSPAPER APPEARANCES**

- Sandy Beach and Company, WBEN AM 930. Buffalo, N.Y. (23 Feb. '01). Guest speaker on issues concerning handgun safety and training.
- ABC's of Insurance with Lester Robinson, LCTV. Lockport, N.Y. (4 May '01). Guest speaker on matters concerning personal safety and property protection.
- ABC's of Insurance with Lester Robinson, LCTV. Lockport N.Y. (21 May '03). Guest speaker concerning harnessing the power of awareness for self-protection.
- The Buffalo News, Outdoors Section, “Pistol instructor is a straight shooter” by Will Elliott (Sunday, 14 September '08). Article focused on my Pistol Permit (handgun safety) class.
- The Buffalo News, Outdoors Section, “Hunting with pistols is new challenge” By Will Elliott (Sunday, 26 November '11). Article focused on my recommendations for handgun hunters who plan on hunting big game with their handgun.
- The Buffalo News, Outdoors Section, “Conceal carry cautions shared” by Will Elliott (Sunday, 23 September '12). Article focused on a Use of Deadly Physical Force lecture I did with local attorneys.

## **CITATIONS, AWARDS, LETTERS OF APPRECIATION**

- New York State Police (17 July 1987). Letter of appreciation for SAR work performed with the Niagara County Sheriff's Special Forces Unit in the search for missing NYSP Trooper William Ernst.
- Congress of the United States (6 April 1988). Letter of Commendation for work performed in the search and recovery of American soldiers lost during the War of 1812.
- Department of Public Safety, UT (17 March 2010). Letter of appreciation for professionalism, dedication and knowledge as a Utah Bureau of Criminal Investigation Concealed Firearm Permit instructor.
- Judges and Police Conference of Erie County, NY (20 September 2012). Award for services performed as a personal protection instructor.
- Department of Public Safety, UT (5 January 2013). Letter of appreciation for professionalism, dedication and knowledge as a Utah Bureau of Criminal Investigation Concealed Firearm Permit instructor.
- Judges and Police Conference of Erie County, NY (19 September 2013). Award for services performed as a professional firearms instructor.

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP**

- International Association of Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors
- Judges and Police Conference of Erie County, Board of Directors