

TFTT / DAG
AFTER ACTION REPORT (AAR)
PSD/VIP PROTECTION CLASS
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AUSRIN, TEXAS

On 20 January 2009 fourteen law enforcement officers from sixteen different agencies reported for training at the Texas DPS Firing Range in Florence, Texas. The agencies represented were Texas DPS Swat & Governor's Protective Detail, Travis County Sheriff's Office, Denton County Sheriff's Office, Pearland Police Dept., Universal City Police Dept. and the San Juan Police Dept. The training these men were about to endure was in the craft of PSD / VIP Protection. One of the more sought after skills by Swat Operators, Police Officers and Contractors alike due to its intense nature of close quarter protection. The officers were instructed by Max Joseph, Founder / Director of the TFTT / DAG and one of the foremost leading experts in PSD / VIP Protection. After getting settled in, and performing several life fire shooting proficiency drills, the officers soon found themselves working together as a team with one goal in mind. Protecting the Principal!

The men were divided into groups for both static and walking drills and drills involving vehicles. These drills were very different in nature but designed for a specific purpose. The operators were put to the test with their shooting abilities requiring nothing less than precise shots on paper (in the "A" zone only!) and steel targets with any misses requiring physically motivating activity such as push ups! Hoorah! As the days past the drills became more complex and the demand for exact precision high. Operating in, out and around vehicles with a high degree of weapons safety was paramount as they were engaged with counter ambush drills and emergency evac drills. On day four the men received their information for the Field Training Exercise (FTX) where they were to conduct a PSD / VIP Protection Detail for two principals on the following day. At 0700 hours on 24 January 2009, Max returned to the command post (CP) to find the team already assembled with a 65 page operations order in hand. The Commanding Officer briefed Max, and his team members, on the Op Order and they prepared for the days mission. At 0945 hours a helicopter landed at the Georgetown, Texas airport at which time the principals were greeted by the team and they departed for their day in Austin, Texas. After visiting several indoor and outdoor venues throughout the day, the team returned the principals to the airport where the training exercise concluded. Max and the Team then returned to the CP for the graduation ceremony and issuance of certificates. A special thanks goes out to Captain Tim Ochsner of the Texas DPS Aircraft Section and Lieutenant David Franklin of the Texas DPS SWAT Team for their support to the TFTT /DAG for the PSD / VIP Protection Class of January 2009.

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