

JARED WIHONGI Jared Wihongi is internationally recognized as an authority in the area of Close-Quarters Combat (CQC). His specialization is the integration of empty-hand combat, edged weapons, impact weapons and firearms with heavy emphasis on police, military and self-defense application. He has 20 years of experience working in law enforcement, with most of that working on three Utah SWAT Teams which has heavily influenced his approach to teaching and applying close-combat tactics. Jared has taught CQC tactics to police and military Special Operations personnel and civilian martial artists across North & South America, Western & Eastern Europe, East & Southeast Asia, Australasia and the Middle East. In addition to his 35 years of training in various striking, grappling and weapon based martial arts from around the world, Jared is one of only a handful of people globally who hold the advanced rank of 'Tuhon' in the Filipino combat art of Pekiti-Tirsia Kali. He is widely recognized as one of the world's foremost authorities on the modern tactical application of the combat art of Kali. In 2002 Jared founded the Pekiti Tirsia Tactical Association (PTTA), a worldwide martial arts association dedicated to training Filipino Kali with emphasis on practical and tactical application. Since 2005 Jared has been contracted off and on as an official Close-Combat Instructor for various USSOCOM Special and Covert Operations Teams. Since 2007, Jared has been retained as a consultant to develop & teach the Tactical Baton training programs for the German BONOWI Camlock "EKA" Baton. He has been retained by several international companies as a consultant in the area of tactical knife design, to include Browning Firearms, Fox Knives, Bastinelli Knives, Half Breed Blades (formerly Hardcore Hardware Australia) and Defcon 5 Knives. In 2010 Jared was featured as a subject matter expert on Season One of SPIKE TV'S series Deadliest Warrior. He is also a regular contributor of Self-Defense articles for RECOIL and RECOIL OFFGRID Magazines.

CHRIS MANDIGMA Chris Mandigma specializes in close-quarter combatives and defensive tactics that spans over fifteen years of experience in law enforcement and the security sector combined. Chris is recognized as one of the leading instructors in Ontario, Canada in arrest tactics, empty-hand combatives, edged and impact weapons. He served 5 years as a use of force trainer for public transit enforcement, followed by another 5 years as a use of force and firearms instructor with the second largest law enforcement agency in Canada, the Canada Border Services Agency and is currently serving as a use of force and firearms training coordinator for the Federal Government of Canada. After joining the Pekiti Tirsia Tactical Association (PTTA) in early 2018 and training under the tutelage of Jared Wihongi, Chris founded the first PTTA-sanctioned affiliate in Canada - Pekiti Tirsia Tactics which specializes in the training of law enforcement, military, corrections and security professionals in extreme close-quarter combatives of empty-hand, impact and edged weapons through the TriCom (Tri-Angle Combatives) system of the PTTA. Since the implementation of Pekiti Tirsia Tactics, Chris travels throughout North America instructing to various law enforcement organizations, military and security groups requiring tailored defensive and tactical training. Chris sits on the Board of Tactical Advisors for the PTTA and the Board of Advisors for the Canadian Tactical Officers Association (CTOA).