



Trainer Bio

About Jim Willis

Jim Willis is a credentialed security expert and anti-terrorism specialist. He has worked in more than 40 countries, including conflict and insecure areas of Cambodia, Ethiopia, and South Sudan. Additionally, he spent six years in Afghanistan as a Theater Operations Director, leading security operations, training, and reconstruction efforts. Jim's security expertise is founded on the ground combat-zone experience supplemented with training from the US Defense Security Service, the United Nations Dept. of Safety & Security, and the Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security.



Jim has been an elder in his local church and worked extensively with churches and religious organizations to enhance security and training teams.

He used knowledge of religious organizations and his security expertise; Jim developed “*ASSIST*”[®] a proprietary active shooter and violence prevention training series. He also authored “*VIGILANCE*,” a definitive church security reference that provides pragmatic and easy-to-employ approaches to enhancing security for churches and houses of worship.

Jim's education includes a bachelor's degree in *Electrical Engineering* and a master's degree in *International Development and Security*.

Jim is an active member of -

- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)
- Society for International Development (SID-Washington)
- International NGO Safety and Security Association (INSSA)
- International Association Counterterrorism & Security Professionals (IACSP)
- National Utility Training and Safety Education Association (NUTSEA)

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