



## International Bodyguards Join With American SWAT Team for Training in York, South Carolina



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After months of preparation and planning within the International Bodyguard & Security Services Association (IBSSA.org), a group of specialists converged on the town of York, South Carolina for nine days of intense training on International Executive Protection.



The course, instructed by IBSSA Country Representative for the United States Mr. Karl de la Guerra, was designed to combine the effectiveness of both the public and the private sector. "Bringing together the efforts of both private bodyguards and public police officers simulates the reality of many protection details currently operating around the world." says de la Guerra.

Participation in this course was on a volunteer basis for all ten students. Four bodyguards from Europe, four Sheriff's Deputies assigned to the York County SWAT Team, one Sheriff's Deputy assigned to the York County K-9 Team and one American Bodyguard participated in this program. Instructors and guest speakers included a variety of professionals from the protective services industry to include international bodyguards, police officers, an attorney who spoke about law and legal issues, a PADI certified DiveMaster who instructed a course on water rescue and a bodyguard recently returned from various assignments in the Middle East, all helping to make this course a truly memorable experience.



Designed to provide the maximum benefit of hands-on training, this course exceeded the expected 70-hours of instruction. Unique to most training courses in this industry, the TeamKDI International Corporate Executive Protection Course (as it is formally named), is 100% scenario based from the beginning to the end, making this the closest type of activity a student can engage in without being on an actual protection detail.



The message about this course was very clear to the community as well, receiving news coverage on three TV stations. Karl de la Guerra was quoted as saying that as Charlotte becomes an international city, she will be in need of international protectors. Standing ready, these professionals from two continents, are now experienced to work together as a team.

The training cadre would like to express a special thank you to Sheriff Bruce Bryant of York County who allowed this course to be based out of the York County Law Enforcement Training Center.

Founded in February, 2013, Karl de la Guerra, Inc. (KDI) is a North Carolina corporation specializing in protective services training and international security consulting. Working in partnership with Queen City Helicopter, Inc. the two companies operate the IBSSA International Tactics and Aviation Training Center located in Gastonia, North Carolina.

For a schedule of future training courses presented by TeamKDI please visit their website at [www.teamKDI.com](http://www.teamKDI.com).

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