







MICHAEL DASARGO

Use-of-Force Expert Witness



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Skills

- Use-of-Force Reasonableness
- Force-Science & Human Performance Under Stress
- Perception, Reaction Time & Decision-Making
- Cognitive Processing & Situational Awareness
- Defensive Shooting Dynamics
- Counter-Ambush & Rapid Threat Response
- Policy and Standards Analysis
- Human Factors Incident Reconstruction
- Certified Force-Science Analyst
- Qualified instructor in defensive shooting and counter-ambush response

Profile

Use-of-Force (UOF) Expert Witness and Advanced Force-Science Analyst with more than 20 years of international experience in executive protection, corporate risk management, and tactical medicine. Leveraging advanced certifications in defensive shooting, counter-ambush tactics, and force-science analysis, I provide courts, law firms, and law-enforcement agencies with scientifically grounded testimony, and actionable recommendations that withstand rigorous scrutiny.

Employment

Personal Defense Network Instructor

2012 - Present

Personal Defense Network

Delivered the “Intuitive Defensive Shooting” program, a science-backed curriculum that trains students to respond intuitively and efficiently during Dynamic Critical Incidents—ambushes that are chaotic, rapidly evolving, and present an immediate, unexpected threat.

- Integrate Force Science research into every lesson, applying evidence-based findings on motor learning, decision-making under pressure, and physiological stress responses to shape drills, feedback loops, and performance metrics.
- Deliver both armed and unarmed counter-ambush courses, designing realistic, scenario-driven exercises that replicate the sensory overload and split-second choices encountered in real-world threats.
- Apply the latest human performance studies on life-threatening stress (e.g., tunnel vision, auditory exclusion, cortisol effects) to structure training phases that gradually increase stress exposure while preserving skill retention and situational awareness.
- Maintain rigorous safety standards, overseeing range protocols, equipment inspections, and pre-session briefings to ensure a secure training environment at all times.
- Collaborate with law enforcement, security professionals, and tactical teams, customizing curricula to meet operational requirements while grounding instruction in peer-reviewed research on human performance under fire.
- Author evidence-based instructional guides and after-action reports, providing clear feedback, corrective actions, and actionable recommendations that reflect the most current findings from Force Science and related academic literature.

Account Manager

2019 - Present

Pinkerton

As the Account Manager for Pinkerton’s Southwest Region, I deliver strategic risk-advisory services to both prospective and existing clients, translating Pinkerton’s capabilities into tangible financial and operational benefits—helping clients increase revenue, reduce costs, and mitigate risk.

Cross-Border Executive Protection Agent

2011 - 2018

Steele International

- Performed protective operations in high-threat environments
- Conducted counter-ambush and route analysis

DMAT CA-4 Tactical Medic

2000 - 2005

U.S. Department of Homeland Security / National Disaster Medical Services

- Supported federal law enforcement operations during major incidents
- Founding member of Special Operations Group

Courses

**Certified Force-Science Analyst — Advanced
Force Science**

**USCCA Defensive Shooting Instructor Levels
1 & 2**

Massad Ayoob MAG-20

**I.C.E. Training Intuitive Defensive Shooting
Instructor**

**TECC | ECQ Tactics | IED Recognition |
Emergency Ops in Hostile Environments**

Professional Affiliations

ASIS International

**National Academy of Emergency Medical
Technicians**

**Association of Threat Assessment
Professionals**

InfraGard

Overseas Security Advisory Council

United States Concealed Carry Association

**Association for Defensive Shooting
Instructors**

Featured Speaker & Published Authorships

Featured guest for various podcasts and speaking engagements including the Gun Symposium and for the Gun Owners Radio on FM 96.1/AM 1170 The Answer.

Published in various martial arts newsletters, magazine articles, and on the Personal Defense Network.

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