

Meet PFC's Mike Gillette...

Mike Gillette began his career in the United States Army as a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division. His active-duty performance resulted in an Army ROTC Scholarship to the University of Arizona. After earning his Bachelor's Degree, Mike entered the field of law enforcement. As distinguished graduate of his academy class and with several academy fitness records under his belt, Mike was selected to attend a police fitness-trainer pilot program. Mike's interest and aptitude as a trainer eventually led to over 20 different Use-of-Force instructor credentials. His law enforcement posts have included such assignments as Range master, SWAT Commander, and Chief of Police.

Since 1981, Mike Gillette has been an ardent student of the martial arts and has earned black belts in three different martial arts styles. In 2010, Mike was inducted into the Martial Arts Masters Hall of Fame. Mike has also pioneered a number of unconventional strength-training methods and is considered a master practitioner of mind/body power and through public demonstrations; Mike provides real-time validation of his hybrid methodologies. Mike has often been sought for his distinctive perspective and has been featured by such media outlets as Forbes Magazine, CBS-TV, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and Fox Television's 'America's Most Wanted.'

Following 9-11, Mike was tapped to develop threat management training for both the airline and entertainment industry. He is a subject-matter expert for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in the area of counter-terrorism training and threat assessment. He is also the author of the DHS publication: **Terrorism Awareness: Protecting Soft Targets**. In addition to his teaching duties for PFC, Mike regularly provides executive protection and protective services for CEOs and high net-worth individuals. Mike has previously held posts as the Director of Training for the Institute for Security Studies at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and Director of Training for the National Law Enforcement and Security Institute.

When asked what makes instructing for PFC different from the other teaching he's done over the years, Mike had this to say...

"What I find to be different is the expectation levels of the students. PFC has developed a reputation for developing "best-in-class" training curriculum as well as a reputation for exceptional instructors. As a result, I've found that our students really expect to learn new things, to be challenged and to have an opportunity to put what was taught into practice before they leave. Every time I teach I am mindful of the standards that have already been set and continue to be set by such a talented cadre of instructors..."