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Instructor Spotlight: Sean Hendrickson
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Sean started his career in the United States Marine Corps where he was a Military Police Officer assigned to baseline security at Camp Pendleton, California. While at Camp Pendleton, Sean was assigned to the base's Special Reaction Team for over two years. While assigned to this position, Sean graduated from the US Army SRT School, L.A. Sheriff's Basic and Advanced SWAT School, and attended several tactical interdiction schools. Because of his abilities and education, Sean directed training for all the SRT team members and served as a member of the entry team.

Prior to his full-time position with PFC, Sean was most recently employed as a Detective with a police agency in Washington State. Prior to being assigned to the detective bureau, Sean was a Field Training Officer (FTO) and supervised, mentored and trained new officers to the department's policies and procedures, as well as provided required initial formal and informal training for officers under his charge. Sean was concurrently assigned to his agency's training division which oversaw in-service training for all sworn personnel.

Sean is a Master Defensive Tactics Instructor, Force-on-Force instructor and an ardent student of the grappling arts. He actively trains in submission-grappling and Brazilian Jiu Jitsu and oversees PFC's Combatives Curriculum. Sean is a Senior Protection Agent for PFC Safeguards and frequently leads personal security details for public figures, VIPs and high net-worth individuals throughout North America.

When Sean was asked what he finds to be the most challenging aspect about being a PFC instructor, he had this to say...

"Whenever a student raises the question about our curriculum, or asks how we stay current as instructors, I always respond, only half jokingly, that Steve didn't do us any favors when he decided to name the company Progressive F.O.R.C.E. Concepts. All of the instructors, myself included, are on an ongoing quest for the most efficient and safest ways to operate and train students using the most progressive curriculum possible. Staying up on current trends in law enforcement and military tactics, case law and a host of other disciplines, takes a considerable amount of time and energy. I would have to say the most challenging aspect of being a PFC instructor is also what makes this company so great to begin with, staying current with that ever evolving,

progressive curriculum developed by a cadre of experienced instructors who love their job and take that job very seriously..."

Sean was also asked if he has a 'favorite' topic to teach...

"Without a doubt, my favorite topic is Use-of-Force. No topic seems to evoke more emotion or causes more arguments during a lecture than Use-of-Force. Each student comes to the discussion with a different background and different ethics. Not necessarily right versus wrong, just different. Given that the topic can be so subjective and theory-based, it generates lots of conversation. And I have found that some of the best learning takes place during these heated debates between students without me saying a word.

Other times, a student with a concrete attitude about force and the proper application of that force will challenge me in a way that I have to offer current, real-world examples. And in order to be credible I really have to know my stuff. I really enjoy being able to help students see Use-of-Force in a light that they may have never seen it in before..."

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