

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



Chuck is the founder and president of the National Organization for Church Security and Safety Management™ which has helped thousands of churches throughout America with security and safety issues that concern all churches both large and small.

He is the licensed security manager and president of Gatekeepers Security Services™ whose Gatekeepers Program™ has put hundreds of armed Gatekeepers in churches across Texas.

He is also the president of the Christian Security Institute™ which is a state licensed armed security school which trains, certifies and licenses church security operators.

Chuck was the past Director of Security for Mega church in Grapevine, Texas and lead the security efforts for local church in Frisco, Texas as their Volunteer Director of Security.

His three decades of private security experience, including twelve years in the Church security field enables him to address the unique security issues faced by churches of all sizes.

EDUCATION/CERTIFICATIONS:

- Certified Protections Specialist - Executive Security International
 - Certified Church Security Specialist - NOCSSM™
 - Licensed Personal Protection Officer - Texas Department of Public Safety - Private Security Bureau
 - Licensed Commissioned Security Officer -Texas Department of Public Safety - Private Security Bureau
 - Licensed Qualified Manager - Texas Department of Public Safety - Private Security Bureau #B15671
 - NRA Pistol, Rifle and Safety Instructor #155068986
 - Certified Police Firearms Instructor - Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education
 - Certified Defensive Tactics Instructor - PPCT Management Systems, Inc.
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Greg Love | Ministry Safe - Churches and Private Schools –

Greg is the nation’s leading authority on child sexual abuse in churches and schools. He will be speaking on Ministry Safe’s proven systems to protect children in your care. He will also address the subject of Background checks.



Scott Stewart is a seasoned protective intelligence practitioner with 35 years of analytical, investigative and security experience. Before joining the executive ranks of **TorchStone Global**, Mr. Stewart led global analysis of terrorism and security topics at Stratfor from 2004 to 2020. Prior to his time at Stratfor, Mr. Stewart was the protective intelligence coordinator for Dell, and served as a member of Michael Dell’s executive protection team.

Mr. Stewart also spent ten years as a special agent with the U.S. Department of State’s Diplomatic Security Service (DSS), where he was involved in a large number of high-profile terrorism and protective intelligence investigations. He was the lead DSS investigator assigned to the 1993 World Trade Center bombing and the follow-up New York City bomb plot. He also led a team that assisted the Argentine investigation of the 1992 bombing of the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires, among other cases. Mr. Stewart also served as the deputy regional security officer in Guatemala City and was responsible for embassy and diplomatic security at that post as well as in Belize City.

Over the years, Mr. Stewart’s analysis has been widely reprinted by other outlets and he has written for the Los Angeles Times, the Washington Post, Security Management Magazine, and Security Magazine, among others. Stewart is a popular speaker on security topics and is also frequently interviewed by journalists from leading news outlets to include the New York Times, CNN, Fox News, NPR, Reuters, the Associated Press, Time Magazine, and USA Today. Mr. Stewart was one of the DSS Special Agents profiled in the book “Relentless Pursuit: The DSS and the Manhunt for the Al-Qaeda Terrorists” by Samuel M Katz.



Mike Valka has served with Gatekeepers Security Services as a Personal Protection Officer since 2013 at **Grace Church Frisco**. He has served as Security Team Lead since 2015. Prior to that, Mike worked for 6 years for the University of Michigan Department of Public Safety as uniformed security. He is a graduate of an accredited Michigan police academy and has an instructor certification from Combat Shooting and Tactics out of Nacogdoches, Texas.



Michael Sanders has served in various capacities within the Criminal Justice, Emergency Management, Law Enforcement, and Crisis Response communities for over 15 years as a respected service provider to numerous agencies. Since 2007, Michael has worked as an investigator for the City of Dallas – Environmental Services division.

Michael attended Dallas Baptist University, majoring in Criminal Justice and Psychology. He serves on several local non-profit boards and has coached football for a home school athletic association.

As the head of security for **Preston Trail Community Church in Frisco, Texas**, Michael oversees a team of thirty security and medical personnel, as well as contract law enforcement officers. It is the goal of his team to be prepared for the unexpected, and endeavor to respond to all situations in a Christ-like manner.



Matt McCarty is a manufacturer's representative for **North American Rescue** in Greer, SC specializing in meeting the pre-hospital care needs of public access areas such as houses or worship and educational establishments. Matt McCarty has an extensive background in the public service field. He began his public service as a volunteer firefighter for many years and received firefighter of the year at Honea Path Fire Department in Honea Path, SC. While serving as a volunteer firefighter he completed his bachelor's degree in History and Secondary Education from Lander University in Greenwood, SC. He then went on to become a classroom teacher and coach in Anderson

School District 2 in Honea Path, SC. After spending four years in the education field Matt McCarty decided to change careers and entered law enforcement as a deputy sheriff for the Anderson County Sheriff's Office. While there he continued to pursue his education and obtained his

master's degree in Criminal Justice Executive Leadership from Anderson University in Anderson, SC. McCarty was promoted through the ranks to Staff Sergeant and received a lifesaving award for saving the life of a stabbing victim on a Thanksgiving night using some of the products he now sales at North American Rescue. He also went on to become an adjunct professor of criminal justice for Anderson University in Anderson, SC where he received the honor of part-time professor of the year. Now as a manufacturer's representative for North American Rescue he still serves his community as a reserve deputy sheriff. Through all of this he has allowed his faith in God to guide his path along while being an ordained Southern Baptist deacon.



J.D. VerHoeven is the co-founder and the vice president for analysis at **Concilium**, the premier provider of open-source intelligence analysis for Christian ministries around the world. Over the past decade, he has authored or edited more than 1,500 analytical reports covering overseas political unrest, terrorism, conflict, crime, and persecution, and in 2019 formally expanded that coverage to help American churches at home. He is a regular panelist at conferences for Christian ministry security leaders and has provided instruction in structured analytical methods for the Faith-Based Organization Working Group in the Department of State's Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC).

J.D. holds an M.S. in Strategic Intelligence and has worked in ministry security for 11 years. He is a church safety team leader and has also filled a variety of operational and support roles in search-and-rescue, disaster response and recovery, maritime domain awareness, and major marine casualty response. He is a member of the Association of International Risk Intelligence Professionals.



Nate recently moved to the Dallas area with his wife and their 3-year-old son and welcomed a 2nd baby boy a few months ago. He comes with a wealth of training, knowledge, and experience after a combined 20 years in law enforcement, private security, and church security. Currently is the Safety and Security Director for **Watermark Church in Dallas**.

After majoring in Criminal Justice at Pensacola Christian College, he served as a Police Officer in Baltimore. He was assigned to patrol on the west side of Baltimore

and spent most of his time serving on a drug task force. Through his work on the street, Nate received several commendations and awards and even was awarded Officer of the Year.

He later relocated to Los Angeles where his wife is originally from. While based in Los Angeles, Nate served at Hillsong Church overseeing security teams for weekly church services at multiple campuses, looked after movement and logistics of key team, pastors, guest speakers and the Senior Pastors while coordinating security for conferences and touring of worship teams.

While in Los Angeles, Nate had the opportunity to serve as personal protection for several high-profile celebrities. He took a full-time role serving a high-profile family and spent the last year with the unique opportunity of providing security for Kanye West's Sunday Service.



William is the SENIOR INSTRUCTOR/TRAINER for the **Christian Security Institute**. Growing up in the home of a Private Security professional William was exposed to a different way of thinking than most from a young age, beginning his firearms training and studying executive protection at the age of 8 he was set apart from the traditional way of being raised. Martial Arts was also a passion in his childhood leading him to learn the professional fight world working for a Pro MMA company with some of the world's best fighters

watching them train and fight in the cage for championship titles. Understanding the dynamics of real-world protection William was led to his career in Private Sector Security starting in 2003 and has over a decade of experience defending clients and protecting their assets. As a certified Law Enforcement Firearms Instructor William specializes in advanced handgun & carbine training combining old school and modern day concepts that allow him to get students up to speed on gun fighting in the classroom and on the range with a unique set of skills and a tactical mindset.

Having spent 40+ hours in uniform as an armed Commissioned Officer through the Private Security Bureau in large Christian venues for several years and now providing Executive Protection as a Personal Protection Officer to high profile clientele as his primary role William stays sharp and focused on today's threats. With ever rising dangers around the globe he brings an Anti-Terror attitude and emphasizes on protecting Christians.

From the Sanctuary to the streets of Dallas, William believes that incorporating combat proven, solid tactics with live fire training is the only way to meet today's challenges for Christian Security combined with a strong passion to serve and demanding only the best for his students. He enjoys all things tactical and instructs at the Christian Security Institute as a State Level 3 & 4 Instructor.

CREDENTIALS | CERTIFICATIONS | LICENSES

- Certified Combat Rifle Instructor
- TCOLE Police Firearms Instructor: TEEX
- Private Security Bureau - Level III Combined Instructor - #H03216
- Private Security Bureau - Personal Protection Instructor - #W00415
- Pressure Point Control Tactics Certified
- Texas DPS Private Security Bureau – Commissioned Officer
- Texas DPS Private Security Bureau – Personal Protection Officer
- Texas LTC Instructor

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