

ENDORSEMENTS

The best edged weapons training anywhere!

-Officer Richard Johns, Director Fraternal Order of Law Enforcement.

“That seminar was honestly the best I've ever been to. The principle-based approach to fighting instead of focusing on techniques was particularly valuable to me. It showed me how to apply ideas in creating my own techniques on the fly instead of memorizing a confusing number of techniques for every possible scenario. The SABER Method will show you how to defend yourself against edged weapons in real world scenarios. No fancy techniques. No traditional basis. You learn what actually works. Period.”

-Aaron Shbeeb, Instructor Dark Gift Combat Academy Houston Texas

“The program is outstanding, The Instructors are outstanding”-General Percy Reeder, District of Columbia Defense Force Great Workout, We learned a lot of important procedures we had not learned yet

-Jo White, Guardian Angels Chapter Leader, Richmond Virginia Chapter“

Educational, All law Enforcement should have this course.”

-Tom Kirkland, Guardian Angel, Richmond Virginia Chapter

“I so want more!”

-Tiffany Henson, District of Columbia Defense Force

“It was simple and it works!” (SABER I)

-Walt Slam V A Police Officer

“Very Practical, all hands on” (SABER I)

-Juan Santiago, Citrus County Sheriffs Office

Excellent Program. Great Instructors. Raven goes beyond the nonsense we learn to protect ourselves from the academy. Its right where we need to be

-David Housel (LEO DT)

“All hands on, all practical.”

-Participant of RTI LEO Defensive Tactics Course

“Enjoyed the presentation, very informative”

-Participant of RTI LEO Defensive Tactics Course

I really appreciate the fact that differing techniques already learned by students was accepted as a plus and encouraged to be used in conjunction with the SABER Techniques. The program stage was set to provide students new tools but not declared to be the only method. Great Class.

-Jerry Lavich, DT Trainer Broomfield PD, CO

“Awesome!”

-Participant of RTI LEO Defensive Tactics Course

“I would recommend this course to anyone looking for the basic techniques of defensive tactics.”

-Participant of RTI LEO Defensive Tactics Course

“Probably one of the best courses I have taken at St. Petersburg College”

-Participant of RTI LEO Defensive Tactics Course

“Great Instructors giving very important training (SABER I). Good Job. Fernan Vargas is a focused and complete instructor. The material is current and effective training at its best.

-Steven Peak, US Customs & Border Protection

“It was very easy to understand, This is a superb class. I feel more confident and ready to Rock & Roll. I loved it all!”

-Thomas Cox, Guardian Angel, Richmond Virginia Chapter

“Simple & Effective!”

-Jason Pfeifer, Guardian Angel, Richmond Virginia Chapter

“It was a very good program”

-Delonte Whitmire, President, Metropolitan Commandos Safety Patrol Organization

Great Course (SABER I). I would highly recommend it to any law enforcement officer

-Randy Bernett, Manatee County Sheriffs office

Thoroughly enjoyed the class (SABER I). Excellent & realistic Training. The practical exercises and real life scenarios were excellent. I appreciated the "hands on" approach in this class rather than the "on the butt" approach of sitting in other classes I have attended. I also believe the building block approach to your training class is very beneficial to learning and applying the concepts and in turn instructing others.

-DET. Sgt Michael A. Trill, Tarpon Springs Police Department.

"Hands on Practical!"

-Tom Rodgers, Clear water Police Department

"Edged Weapons training in Florida is almost non-existent, every law enforcement officer and correctional officer should be required to take the SABER Method Course

-David Housel, Paso County Sheriffs Office

This Training (The SABER Method) could possibly save your life in a deadly situation

-Deputy James Shurtleff, Sarasota County Sheriffs Office

Excellent Course (SABER I), Real eye opener of how a knife can hurt & Cause serious harm

-Det. Alek Gregoire, Venice Florida Police Department.

Good Control, no nonsense instruction, very good lesson plan

-William Boettger, Hernando County Sheriffs Office

As a Police officer this information and knowledge will save my life."

-Officer with Albuquerque Police Department

"Instructor was very professional and knows his material .Will recommend to my Director for future training."

-Ernie Corrizo , Trainer New Mexico State Prison Guard Academy

"As a current Law Enforcement Officer I highly recommend this to all law enforcement and security officers. The training is reality based and will help you protect yourself on duty and off."

-Officer David Bragg Farmington Hills Police Department, MI Tactical Team Trainer

"Real Life Solutions for Real Life Situations"

-Sheriff Joe Coelho, Genessee County, MI

"Great Job!"

-Mario Brandon, Guardian Angel, Richmond Virginia Chapter, USMC

"I was skeptical that someone could cover something useful regarding knife defense in only 4 hours. The program that was presented was extremely useful and easy to learn. The instructors did a great job of teaching and presenting it to cops at the right level. One of the best knife courses I've been to, and I regularly train in the Filipino Martial Arts. Great Job !"

-Officer Joe Engman: City of Bellevue Police Department, WA

"I really liked that the instructors showed that there was more than one way to accomplish the goal."

-Jennifer Haas Trainer, Modern Warrior Inc, NY

"This was my first knife defense class, Outstanding!"

-Carolyn Marie Connelly, Rutherford County Correctional Center, TN

"Great Instruction, Great Instructors and Great Material"

-Jeff Eaton

"This is Not a sport, All Real world application"

-Lt.Carlos Nakay, USMC Retired

Very simple and effective. Great program. A necessity that goes in hand well with the offensive aspect of edged weapons tactics. As a female participant this program was amazing. Thank you

-Elizabeth Tran

This program was great for showing females how to defend and use an edged weapon-Jessica Fitzgerald, CO"He (the instructor) knows what he is talking about, very helpful, very good."

-Anthony Beasley South Suburban Hospital Public Safety Officer

"I Finally Learned Something Useful"

-Jose Munoz, Illinois Department of Children & Family Services

This was an awesome class, I enjoyed learning everything

-Theresa Tran

"The Instructor was able to communicate well with the students and welcomed their input and discussion."

-Michael Prashuk South Suburban Hospital Public Safety Officer

"This was Awesome, More Informative than anticipated. Mr. Vargas was great."

-Corporal Marcus Tate Advocate Bethany Hospital Public Safety Officer

"I learned Multiple Defensive Tactics which could save My Life"

-Officer Phylon Moore Advocate Bethany Hospital Public Safety Officer

"Both instructors were very good and explained the material in a non "know it all" way. Great Job !"

-International Law Enforcement Trainers and Educators 2005 Conference Attendee

"Brought this to a cops level, Great Job."

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"Good straight forward principles, oriented towards real world scenarios."

-International Law Enforcement Trainers and Educators 2005 Conference

Attendee "Great Class Hope to See You Back Next Year."

-International Law Enforcement Trainers and Educators 2005 Conference Attendee

Offers Absolute life saving skills

-Officer Jon Gaskins, Pentagon Force Protection Agency

Everyone in law enforcement should take this course

-Officer Chris Stinchfield Pentagon Force Protection Agency

A no B.S. Knife Course

-Officer Jamie Lytle, Training Staff-Pentagon Force Protection Agency

Outstanding training,. It dove tails with our regular program. Concepts and skillswere good for all skill levels. 90% or more of the course is usable right away

-James Marx, Training Staff-Pentagon Force Protection Agency

Best knife defense training I have ever had. I now feel more confident in use and defense with knife tactics

-Officer Mark Ryan-Training Staff-Pentagon Force Protection Agency

This course was great.

-Officer Sharaf Lateef- Pentagon Force Protection Agency

Couldn't have been better

-Rob Marks, Chief Instructor: Evolution Fighting Systems

I have enjoyed this seminar very much. It was well worth the wait

-Pablo Salinas, Professional Self Defense Instructor

One of the best systems I have seen

-Participant of the Tactical Duty knife course Houston Texas

You can not help but learn

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It taught me valuable lessons on what and what not to do in a knife assault

-Pat Silva, Dark Gift Combat Houston Texas

I highly recommend this course to any serious knife practitioner

-Participant of the Tactical Duty knife course Houston Texas

Reality based knife fighting that fits any life style

-Dr. Candice Michael, Universal City Texas

Awesome, Great program

-Malvin Traylor, Chief Instructor Dark Gift Combat, Houston Texas

Most effective knife fighting system I've found. Vargas is still the best instructor I've had to date.

-Clint Bodungen, Chief Instructor Houston Combat Arts Academy

Basic & clear, with relevant and realistic concepts. I believe the system is very applicable to hand to hand combat. I also learned new concepts related to edged weapons, thank you.

-Antonio Moreno Jimenez, Rapid Calvary Unit # 4, Spanish Special Forces

For me "RAVEN" is a new and direct system. I loved it! Thank you very much
-Jaime Carullo, Spanish Marines Rapid Intervention Unit.

This course was magnificent and effective
-Oscar Arango, Police Defensive Tactics Instructor, Veteran, Spanish Military

Incredible course, knowledgeable instructors. Intense, but great atmosphere.
This was one of the most productive seminars I ever attended.
-J. Girtakouski, Martial Artist

The instructors were all very professional and Knowledgeable. Solid tactics that
can be incorporated with your existing skill set.
-Sgt. Mark Drezza, Lakewood PD, CO

Given past experience this was a great life saving class
-Gary Planche, Needs Police Supply, CO

Great instructor to student abilities. I felt like they were really helping me.
-Derek Boyd

Very good material and explanations. The weapon retention techniques taught
are outstanding. An excellent course for everyone.
-Cary Kerns, President of Security Solutions Inc., CO

All of the information was excellent. Real life scenario training by qualified
instructors
-John DeYoung, Holland Police Department. Michigan

Simple Material, effective material, easily integrated with existing practices.
Very impressed with instructors attitudes. Great learning environment. The
instructors were approachable, friendly, and willing to "Mix it up" a little.
-Kurt Weigel, Lenexa Police Department. Kansas

The program was excellent and we will be adding it to our control tactics
classes. Great Job!
-Michael Dickerson, Cook county Adult Probation, Illinois

Great instructors, great content, excellent learning experience.
-Doran Preacher, Houston Police Department., Texas

The instruction centered on offensive and defensive knife fighting techniques. Some of the subjects covered in class involved knife selection and carry, defensive/offensive postures, attack techniques, blade blocking tricks, weapon retention, and fighting on the ground. The quality of the instruction was superlative. Vargas and his assistant instructors were well skilled in the subject matter and were quite capable of imparting this knowledge to each student. It is my impression that unless one is in special forces (police or military), none of the tactics practiced in this class are taught in police academies or Marine/Army basic training. In my opinion, this is a critical gap in combat instruction.

-1Lt Ben Schwartz, Security Section COSDF(P), Colorado State Defense Force Provisional

Fantastic Class, I'm really sore but I really loved it. Realistic training Taught Perfectly.

-Michelle Fotovat, St. Petersburg Police Department, FL

Different techniques are great food for thought.

-Chris Plat, Pinellas County Sheriffs Office. FL

Great Instructors with lots of energy.

-Marc LuginBill, Pinellas Park Police Dept. FL

Awesome!

-Roxanne Hunt, Pinellas Park Police Dept. FL

Both instructors were very knowledgeable, Great Class Thanks!

-Eric Soderlund, Pinellas County Sheriffs Office. FL

I like the whole set up Mark Way, United States Air force All material outlined was great.

-Shane Voutsinas, Largo Police Department, FL

Very informative and hands on. Very good course that allows officers to be up to date with Defense.

-James Gattie, Pineas Park Police Department, FL

This is the third class under the Raven Tactical System with two of them being instructor courses. We have been able to utilize the training received from Fernan Vargas in our departments in-house training. The techniques are easy to learn and apply and have been found to be effective. Through this training I believe officers are more prepared to not only survive but win and encounter with an aggressive, violent person.

-Michael Trill, Tarpon Springs Police Department, FL

Very Informative

-Albert Padron, Hillsborough County Sheriffs Office, FL

Valuable real world Defensive tactics Training. Excellent Drills. Very few other Defensive Tactics systems can be taught as fast because of its simplicity, Raven is effective quickly to the most novice student

-David Housel, Pasco County Sheriffs Office, FL

All aspects were great. Contained relevant material. Very good class, very knowledgeable instructors.

-Jesse Gabbert, MacDill Air Force Base

The techniques are fluid and can be applied to many attacks. Great learning environment. Fernan really knows how to communicate with students at all levels which brings out their best effort.

-Sean Sweeney, Pasco County Sheriffs Office, FL

I recommend the Saber Method to anyone who would like a strong foundation in simple and direct reality based knife training.

-Kevin Cain, Professional Martial Arts Instructor, Hall of Fame member.

An Excellent Course. The Saber Method Gives you the edge to take your Raven training to the next level.

-Dan Reeber

The Saber method is very accessible to the average civilian interested in Self Defense. The course is very well run and a lot of fun

-Josh Pepper

Everything was perfect and well coordinated, I liked the Instructors ability to communicate and patience.

-Armando Bucio Sr., Professional Martial Arts Instructor

Everything was very good, very complete.

-Officer Jose Salinas

Solid knife fighting material.

-Officer F. Covello, Chicago Police Department

Very practical and useful, I enjoyed the class very much.

-Officer J. Hosch, Hobart Indiana Police Department

Great Seminar, Great Instructor. For Anyone that is an edged weapons student Fernan Vargas's Saber Method is a needed add to your arsenal.

-Tommy Vucovic

Great Class!

-Randy Howard, Chapter Leader Indianapolis Guardian Angels.

Great Instructors and good use of the time allotted (Saber Method Instructor Certification Course)

-Jennifer Bradbeer, Hillsborough County Sheriffs Office, FL

Good techniques to assist in the field. (Saber Method Instructor Certification Course)

-Jerid Foortner, Hillsborough County Sheriffs Office, FL

A good mix of edged weapons defense with defensive tactics, take downs, and follow through. (Saber Method Instructor Certification Course)

-Dennis White, Hillsborough County Sheriffs Office, FL

Loved the Class & the Instructors (Saber Method Instructor Certification Course)

-Jovan Hardwick, PCSO, Florida

This course was well organized and the instructors were hands on, making sure the students retained the concepts. (Saber Method Instructor Certification Course)

-Michael Hubble, Pinellas Park Police Dept. Florida

Very well taught and the Instructors were approachable. (Guardian Defensive Tactics Instructor Course)

-Jack Seal USAF

Instructors were knowledgeable. Good information to be used and passed on. (Guardian Defensive Tactics Instructor Course)

-Robert Gartenberg, Pasco County Sheriffs Office, Florida

The class was very well organized and very well taught. It was a good class.

Very motivating. (Guardian Defensive Tactics Instructor Course)

-Sean Thompson, St. Petersburg Police Department, Florida

I enjoyed everything about the program. The instructors were enthusiastic and very knowledgeable.

-Darrell Pittman, St. Petersburg Police Department, Florida

Instructor Vargas was very professional and knowledgeable. Very good class.

-Charles Hathcox, Tampa Police Department, Florida