



# TNT COMPANY PROFILE & MEDIA RELATIONS PACKET

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Often times, law enforcement officers (LEO) are too dependent on intermediate and deadly force weapons to effectively do their jobs (firearms, batons, tasers/stun guns, pepper sprays etc) and as a result have become somewhat less proficient in unarmed defensive tactic techniques. This is not the fault of the officer or even the department in which they work but a natural result of policies, which aim to offer as much protection to an officer as possible to mitigate hand-to-hand combat encounters in the field.

The unfortunate result and natural consequence of such policy is that; if the officer is not equipped with this weaponry, then they are not confident in doing the job.

TNT LRET (Life Risk Environment Training) programs is the latest innovation of LEO survival training, based on Aikido, Israeli Martial Arts as well as methods and strategies from law enforcement and military units as used by Tactical Teams and officers in extremely violent encounters.

We offer training programs and seminars that bolsters defensive tactics proficiency, and saves the lives of LEOs in the field nationwide.

## ABOUT TNT DEFENSE SYSTEMS, L.L.C.

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TNT Defense Systems, L.L.C. is incorporated as a limited liability company in the state of Florida and is headquartered in Fort Lauderdale, FL. The Limited Liability Company members are Founder\Chief Instructor, Acie Mitchell and C.E.O\Co-founder, Andrew Ramirez.

Our goal is rather simple; to become the unprecedented authority in the LEO survival and wellness instruction industry while saving the lives of those who Protect and Serve. With such a focus we strongly believe our communities will be safer for our children, families and friends.

## TNT QUICK FACTS

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- 🎯 **We are a privately held company**
  - 🎯 **We researched, developed and created all our training curriculums**
  - 🎯 **We are not an MMA organization**
  - 🎯 **We will improve any Defensive Tactics program**
  - 🎯 **We are dedicated to developing battle-ready, swift response LEOs**
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## CHIEF INSTRUCTOR ACIE MITCHELL

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### CREENTIALS

- Founder of T.N.T. Defense Systems
- 4th Degree Black Belt- Aikido
- Certified Law Enforcement Instructor: Defensive Tactics, Vehicle Operations, & Firearms by FDLE
- Certified F.I.G.H.T., Israeli Tactical Knife, & Ground Survival Instructor of Haganah system
- Crewmember Self-Defense Instructor Federal Air Marshals/Transportation Security Administration
- Former Active S.W.A.T. operator
- US Armed Forces Combat Veteran

### QUICK BIOGRAPHY

Born in Okeechobee and raised in Miami Florida, Acie Mitchell has built an impressive reputation and career as a martial arts, defensive tactics, and self-defense Master Instructor. Acie worked as a corrections officer for both the state of FL and the county of Dade where his 4th degree black-belt Aikido skills were often put to the test. He was the only law enforcement defensive tactics instructor to teach at both Broward and Miami Dade School of Justice police academies simultaneously in the year 2005.

He also became the primary defensive tactics instructor teaching police and corrections personnel defensive tactics in several areas: striking techniques, pressure points, takedowns, transporters, restraint devices, impact weapons, handgun disarms/retention, edged weapon defense, escapes from street attacks, vascular neck restraint, and ground survival tactics at Miami Dade College, School Of Justice. In 2006, Acie became a crewmember self-defense instructor for Homeland Security trained by the US Federal Air Marshal Service. He also teaches firearms and law enforcement vehicle operations to law enforcement personnel. In 2007, Acie became a certified F.I.G.H.T. instructor of the Haganah system, founded by Israeli Special Forces Commander, Mike Lee Kanarek.

By the end of 2008, Acie has added Israeli Tactical Knife Fighting and Ground Survival to his list of credentials of the Haganah system. He is a master instructor, teaching thousands of law enforcement professionals self-defense averaging over 1,400 hours of teaching per year. He is a former SWAT officer of the Sweetwater Police Department and has several feature films and music videos to his credit.

## TRAINING PROGRAMS

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We offer Instructor Certification Courses, Practitioner Certification Course, Seminars, and customized courses to meet your needs. These programs include detailed physical training, lectures and in regards to instructor certification programs, opportunities for attendees to teach, plan and fully and effectively execute mock lessons. The key is to instruct participants so they can deliver a well integrated defensive tactics program to their agencies and department(s).

### QUICK LOOK AT TRAINING PROGRAMS



#### **Break-Thru Law Enforcement Aikido Survival Tactics**

involves unarmed practitioners defending against unarmed or armed assailants with knives and guns.

#### **RECOMMENDED LRE COMPONENTS:**

##### **S.L.A.S.H. - Subdue Laceration Attacks & Stab Hazards**

involves armed practitioners (with knives) defending against assailants armed with edged weapons.

##### **GET UP - Ground Escape Tactics**

involves unarmed practitioners escaping the ground against unarmed or armed assailants.

##### **C.A.R.S. - Car-Jacking Assault Response Strategies**

involves unarmed practitioners strategies against armed assailants whose intent is to commandeer their vehicle.

## B.L.A.S.T. INSTRUCTOR PROGRAM

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TNT Defense Systems values the integrity of the B.L.A.S.T. instructor certification and as such are unlike most self-defense/martial arts courses. Our requirement to have previous experience as a Defensive Tactics instructor is often overlooked in other systems therefore producing instructors who cannot effectively and safely instruct LEOs in retaining the life-saving techniques of the system. This is because B.L.A.S.T. is not looking to solely teach individuals a set of techniques, contrast, we aim to teach instructor students how to instruct the B.L.A.S.T. system fused with a comprehensive and pragmatic defensive tactics program.

All B.L.A.S.T. components are taught in a modular fashion. Our module based approach allows the instructor student being trained to focus entirely on the subject matter and envelop the confidence necessary to instruct others before moving on to another module to include all necessary re-trains.

This means individuals will learn how to teach their students how violent and aggressive situations develop, how to recognize such situations and identify/profile the individuals they face. They will then learn how to teach students how to respond in these situations: whether to de-escalate verbally, attack preemptively and/or identify when the aggressor will or is likely to attack.

Individuals will also be taught how to create and develop scenarios and manage the way students participate in them.

### B.L.A.S.T. Master Instructor

Completion of Instructor Certification in the B.L.A.S.T. system, to include; S.L.A.S.H., G.E.T. UP, and C.A.R.S. are required to become a B.L.A.S.T. Master Instructor, and instruct the entire B.L.A.S.T. curriculum to include knife-to-knife, Ground escape tactics, Car Assault Response Strategies, and overall fitness.

At the end of the B.L.A.S.T. MI track individuals will possess the ability to instruct the entire LRE curriculum as a Master B.L.A.S.T. Instructor. Only B.L.A.S.T. Master Instructors are certified to conduct train-the-instructor programs of their own.

### Prerequisites

Preferred instructor students must have a certification in one or more of the following disciplines:

- 1<sup>st</sup> degree black belt minimum in Aikido
- Instructor of TNT Approved Self Defense Systems
- LEO/Military Defensive Tactics Instructor

**Certification is for a 2-year period and entitles officers to instruct all sworn members of their agency in the specific B.L.A.S.T. training modules listed on their certificates.**

## B.L.A.S.T. TESTIMONIALS

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At the conclusion of each B.L.A.S.T. training initiative, we encourage feedback from our students by way of standard course evaluation surveys. While this information is used as a tool for overall process improvement, it often edifies the real effectiveness of B.L.A.S.T. training. I have included some of these quoted comments for you below:

### **In response to: Did the course meet your expectation?**

"Outstanding, as an officer for 15 years, I have attended other self-defense classes, but this was by far the one I feel that the tactics learned can benefit on the road."

- Eugenio Lopez, Metro-Dade PD

"The course exceeded my expectations. It refreshed me on material that I've learned and enhanced my knowledge. All parts were helpful; the disarming of weapons and getting distance between officer and subject may be most helpful. I think this program should go national as well as be a bare minimum in LEO training. I intend on continuing this program."

- Alvin Vincent, Immigration & Customs Enforcement

"The class surpassed my expectations. I was expecting a "defensive Tactics" type of curriculum & learned so much more. Everyone, at every departmental level, needs to experience this course; but be warned, it's not for the faint of heart."

- Ruben Brizuela, Aventura PD

### **In response to: What suggestion do you have for either instructor or course improvement?**

"The instructor has a real passion for his students and ensured that each one understood the material or technique presented. Thanks Acie!"

- Heath Genovar, Metro-Dade Police Department

"Great overall course to add to basic Defensive Tactics training"

- Heath Genovar, Metro-Dade Police Department

"This is a great course for female officers. It gives you a greater sense of confidence when encountering assaultive subjects."

- Wendy Chandler, Immigration & Customs Enforcement

**\*\*All officers testimonials used were authorized for public use.**

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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### **Q. Is B.L.A.S.T. better than traditional martial arts?**

**A. B.L.A.S.T. is neither better nor worse than traditional martial arts, just different.** It just depends on what you are looking for. B.L.A.S.T.'s only concern is enhancing survivability of LEOs in the field. Everything you learn is functional and effective in relation to safety in the face of violence. We do not concern ourselves with belts, rituals, gi's, katas, tournament techniques, trophies or choreographed techniques.

### **Q. Is B.L.A.S.T. a Mixed Martial art or similar to what I see in the UFC or Pride?**

**A. Yes and no.** On the surface, it may seem similar due to the fact that from a physical perspective, we cover all ranges of combat (Kicking, Boxing, Close Quarter Combat, Grappling and Ground fighting) but B.L.A.S.T. is a reality based self defense system, NOT A SPORT. What separates us from MMA are the emotional and psychological factors of violence that reality presents, but the sports arena does not. For example: There are no weapons in MMA events. Your opponent won't pull out a knife in the middle of your bout and stab you with it. They won't pull out a gun and shoot you with it. This is but one of many differences between street and sport.

### **Q. Do I have to be in great shape or have experience in martial arts to take one of your programs?**

**A. Absolutely not. Although it is our belief that you should be Fit to Fight, B.L.A.S.T. is viable for able bodied individuals.** One of B.L.A.S.T.'s benefits is getting people back into shape as well as giving them the necessary skills to effectively defend themselves. We have trained ordinary men and women who live sedentary lifestyles as well as experienced martial artists from other styles. Many of those practitioners have lost weight and increased muscle tone because of the integrated B.L.A.S.T.'s fitness program. For more info on B.L.A.S.T. fitness you may speak to a TNT representative.

### **Q. Do I need to buy any special/expensive equipment to train?**

**A. No.** We recommend for all practitioners to wear a mouth guard and finger free MMA style gloves (groin guards for the guys are also a good idea). If it's more convenient for you, these items can be purchased directly through TNT. If interested please speak to an instructor or visit our website for secure ordering and fast shipping.

### **Q. Is Certification guaranteed?**

**A. No.** The requirements of the B.L.A.S.T. instructor certification will be determined from a 100% pass/fail audition. Integrity is often ignored in most other systems in favor of proliferation, but B.L.A.S.T. places heavy emphasis on Integrity.

### **Q. How do I start?**

**A.** Although we have several training cycles, we will coordinate our efforts with the client to arrange training schedules as deemed necessary. Currently, we only offer group training, as well as B.L.A.S.T. instructor certification training. To begin, please call 888-FIGHT-305, or visit us online where you can submit an training inquiry. A TNT Representative will contact you to answer any questions you may have and get you enrolled.



**STAY ALERT, STAY ALIVE**