



## NEWS RELEASE

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***METRO SPECIAL POLICE & SECURITY, INC. TO HOST  
DEPT. OF HOMELAND SECURITY "FRONTLINE RESPONDER" TRAINING COURSE***

"Protecting Soft Targets Course" Will Feature International Experts In Protection & Security

**CHARLOTTE, NC – July 31, 2012** – In advance of 2012 Democratic National Convention – deemed a "National Special Security Event" by the U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security – a special training course for first responders and frontline responders will be held on Thursday, August 9, 2012 at the Central Church of God, 5301 Sardis Road, Charlotte, NC 28270.

"This is a unique opportunity to give our community responders important information to remain prepared in the event of a "soft target" incident, such as shopping centers, entertainment venues or at public gatherings," said Lynn A. Hoosier, President and CEO at Metro Special Police and Security, Inc. "This is part of Metro's ongoing commitment to our community which is in line with our 24-hour protection services and call center."

The training course will feature two leading international experts on protection and security, and is intended to increase the awareness of security staff, law enforcement, and emergency medical and other first responders in handling an emergency event at a "soft target venue".

Karl de la Guerra, Vice President & Chief Operating Officer of Metro Special Police & Security, Inc., a Certified Frontline Responder instructor will lead the course.

Emmy Award winner Dan Starks and host of the long running "Don't be a Victim" news series for Charlotte's NBC affiliate, News Channel 36 (WCNC-TV), will be the keynote speaker at the event.

The Frontline Responder Course was developed in association with the U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security by the Center for Workforce Development at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas.

#### **ABOUT THE COURSE:**

- The DHS Frontline Responder Course will take place from 8:00AM to 5:00PM on Thursday, August 9, 2012.
- The location of the event will be at the Central Church of God at 5301 Sardis Road, Charlotte, NC 28270
- The course will focus on:
  - Detecting indicators of potential threats
  - Training how to function as a responder to threats within specific work environments (hotels, shopping malls, large audience venues)
  - Obtaining information needed to make informed, controlled and safe responses to critical incidents.
- **If you are interested in registering as a participant for the Frontline Responder Course, please call Metro at 704-364-1664.**
- All media inquiries should be directed to Bruce Carroll at 704-804-4854.

#### **ABOUT METRO SPECIAL POLICE & SECURITY, INC.:**

Headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina, Metro Special Police & Security, Inc., is a state-wide community based provider of private police and public safety services.

Metro's business offerings include:

- Armed and Unarmed Uniformed Public Safety Officers
- Alarm Installation & Monitoring Services
- International Executive Protection
- Private Investigations
- Courier Services
- Vehicle Patrols

Metro holds multiple licenses issued by the North Carolina Department of Justice Private Protective Services Board as Metro Security & Investigative Services.

For more information about Metro Special Police, our website is [www.metrospecialpolice.com](http://www.metrospecialpolice.com).

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**ABOUT KARL DE LA GUERRA:**

Karl de la Guerra is Vice President & Chief Operating Officer of Metro Special Police & Security, Inc., in Charlotte, NC. Karl is a certified frontline responder instructor and has 33 years of combined experience in military, law enforcement and international corporate security management with an emphasis on executive protection.

Karl began his career in San Antonio, Texas, as a Law Enforcement Supervisor in the United States Air Force, followed by overseas assignments. Following his military service, Karl worked at the Maricopa County (AZ) Sheriff's Office as Community Relations Officer.

After his work in public law enforcement, Karl entered private sector executive protection in 2004. Karl is currently the U. S. Representative for the International Bodyguard & Security Services Association (IBSSA), a professional organization headquartered in Budapest, Hungary where Karl returns annually and instructs fellow international bodyguards at the National Law Enforcement Academy of Hungary.

In recognition of his over 30 years of protective service duty, Karl was recognized in Europe in March of 2010, with investiture into the Order of Saint George in The Netherlands and bestowed the title of Knight of St. George. Later that year, Karl received Knighthood into the Sovereign Order of Cyprus during an October, 2010 ceremony at the Royal Palace of Godollo outside Budapest, Hungary.

For more information about Karl, visit his website at [www.karldelaguerra.com](http://www.karldelaguerra.com).

**ABOUT DAN STARKS:**

Dan Starks has been in the business of teaching self-defense and security for over 20 years. During that time, Dan has helped tens of thousands of citizens to empower themselves to have the right response when things go wrong. Dan teaches law-abiding citizens looking for the best way to protect themselves, including teens, families, students, new moms, singles, and senior citizens. His clients also include agents from the United States Secret Service and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as well as officers from State and Local law enforcement.

Dan hosts the long running news series for News Channel 36 (WCNC-TV) "Don't be a Victim" as well as "Partners Against Crime". The "Don't Be A Victim" series helps everyday people by offering them various crime prevention tips, and covers a wide range of self defense topics. This show has won an Emmy Award and has been nominated for an Emmy ten times.

Locally, in his hometown of Charlotte, NC, Dan is the First Chair for the NC Crime Stoppers and the President of the FBI Citizens Academy.

For more information about Dan Starks, visit his website at [www.danstarks.com](http://www.danstarks.com).

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