

Robert Oatman

Robert Oatman is a long-standing member of the American Society of Industrial Security (ASIS) and has earned his certification as a Certified Protection Professional (CPP) from ASIS. Since 1998, when Mr. Oatman developed the first 2 Day Executive Protection Program for ASIS, he has traveled both domestically and internationally to present this 2-day program for ASIS twice each year. As a Primary Instructor since 1998, the average class size is approximately 50 participants – over 2,000 attendee's – including participants from the United States and abroad.

Mr. Oatman has been teaching an Executive Protection Class each year since 1998 at the Annual A.S.I.S International Global Conference – now called the GSX Conference. Attendees can select training modules during the 5-day conference. Normal attendance size for the 90-minute executive protection training module is 60+ participants.

He is a former law enforcement officer with Baltimore County Police Department. During his Law Enforcement career, he developed and started the First Hostage Negotiation Team in the State of Maryland. He began teaching Hostage Negotiation with his team members throughout Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania.

In 1974, while in law enforcement, Mr. Oatman began teaching Executive Protection Classes for the Executive Protection Institute, in Winchester, Virginia with Dr. Kobetz, twice per year. He continued this part-time endeavor for 15 years.

Working with the F.B.I. Field Office in Maryland he started the First Annual Hostage Negotiation Seminar in 1979 – inviting Hostage Negotiators from across the United States and Internationally, where more than 700 law enforcement negotiators are in attendance each year. The 40th anniversary is scheduled for February 2020 in Baltimore County, Maryland.

In 1989, Robert Oatman retired from the Baltimore County Police Department at the rank of Major. Upon retirement, Mr. Oatman opened his own firm - R.L. Oatman & Associates, Inc.

In 1994, Mr. Oatman developed a 7-day Program Executive Protection Training Program in Maryland, which has taken place twice each year since then, in May and October. There have been over 2,500 attendees to date. Class #49 is scheduled for September 29 to October 5, 2019. He is the Primary Senior Instructor along with 2 other senior instructors and 15 additional instructors.

2003, Mr. Oatman received the FBI Director's Award for Exceptional Service in the Public Interest. This award was submitted by a Senior F.B.I. Agent who attended our 7 day E.P. Training Class.

In 2010, Mr. Oatman received prestigious honor of the President's Award of Merit from ASIS, an award given out once per year.

He was instrumental in establishing an ASIS Certificate Program for Executive Protection which was implemented December 2013.

In 2015, at the A.S.I.S. International Annual Global Conference held in Atlanta, Ga, he officially launched the Executive Protection Council. The Board included 15 members from the United States, Mexico, and Canada. Mr. Oatman chaired that role until 2018.