**LUKE CUNNINGHAM**

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PROFILE

With a vast experience in hostile country operations I was recently working as a Security Manager in Afghanistan.  
I am a former British Army SNCO with Reconnaissance Troop the Royal Dragoon Guards and have operated at multiple levels, from a reconnaissance soldier as part of a six man team to commanding 24 men in an intense and sustained combat environments. I work extremely well under pressure, having had a strong and exemplary 14-year military career serving in the British Army. I have gained extensive operational experience in Kosovo, Northern Ireland, Iraq and Afghanistan, the latter of which lead to a commendation presented by HRH the Prince of Wales. My roles in these occupations required high levels of leadership ability whilst working under intense pressure in hostile environments.   
I have gained excellent interpersonal and administrative skills, and an outstanding level of self-discipline. All of these virtues are complemented with a very high level of physical fitness.

**ACHIEVEMENTS**

* Awarded formal recognition by HRH Prince of Wales for gallantry with a Commendation of Bravery (Afghanistan).
* Successfully completed the Level 3 Certificate in Close Protection covering all aspects of a CPO frontline alongside the City & Guilds Level 2 First Person on the Scene (I) certificate and current SIA license.

**KEY SKILLS**

* Close Protection and First Aid Trained
* Operational experience
* Personable and good team player
* Discretion and committed to client confidentiality
* Excellent written and verbal communication skills
* Leadership Qualities
* Adaptable and Determined

**QUALIFICATIONS**

* Security & Risk Management Degree (Leicester University)
* Edexcel Level 3 in Close Protection (Hostile Environment)
* City & Guilds Level 4 PTLLS
* Edexcel Level 2 First Person on the Scene.
* SIA Close Protection (Front Line)

**Accredited Instructor for the following**;

* Skill at Arms, Heavy and Foreign Weapons
* Armoured Fighting Vehicle Recognition
* Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear (CBRN)
* Live Firing Tactical Training (LFTT)
* Operations & Training Advisor

**CAREER HISTORY**

**21/04/13 - Present Afghanistan, Nation Wide TOR International**

Risk Management Consultant/Camp manager

Selected by TOR International and sub-contracted to the American Department of Defence (DOD). Operating out of multiple ISAF locations and working in hostile and isolated locations throughout the country, providing individual Close Protection to US clients whilst they mentor the Afghan National Army (ANA).

* Liaising with senior ANA and US Military officials
* Responsible for all operational planning and aspects of risk management
* Responsible for overseeing all close protection operations at multiple locations
* Daily communications with senior commanders and head office management
* Establishing detailed individualised SOP’s for each site
* Low profile yet high readiness CP requiring cultural sensitivity

**Iraq 2012/2013 Security Escort Team-Leader**  **Aegis Defence**

* Worked on project Symphony (DOD), as a Security Escort Team Leader.
* Coordinating the daily planning and running of operations
* Carrying out daily missions and the welfare of up to thirty clients
* Conducting daily team training including First Aid, Close Protection of clients and driver training
* Liaise with operations management

**Olympics London 2012 Duty Security Manager Olympic/Paralympic Games G4S Policing Solutions**

* Recruited to manage daily deployment of reserve security officers to Olympic/ Paralympics venues and ensured that officers adhered to SOP’s prior to deployment.
* Ensured the deployment of technically qualified, legally compliant and competent workforce undertaking roles on behalf of London Organising Committee of the Olympic/Paralympics Games (LOCOG).

**1997 – 2012 British Armed Forces Royal Dragoon Guards**

**Close Reconnaissance Troop – Sergeant**

* Held the position of Reconnaissance Platoon Sergeant where historically a handpicked role awarded to the most experienced and performance related Sergeant within the Regiment.
* Carried out the duties of regimental weapons; demolitions and live fire specialist and training instructor, held accreditation to template and conduct any live firing range and live field firing exercises.

**HOBBIES AND INTERESTS**

Travelling, Judo (British Army Judo Champion), Rugby League (Army team), Mountaineering (Recently ascended to Everest base camp & Mount Fuji), Alpine Skiing (Army Team) and Diving.

**PERSONAL DETAILS**

Full clean UK driving licence including HGV1, PSV and Tracked Vehicle