



Chief Rick Wagon, MSM

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

Rick has served law enforcement, executive/dignitary protection, terrorism preparedness and disaster response roles since June of 1987. He has held ranks from Patrolman to Police Chief; served as Staff Instructor and Academy Coordinator for two state police academies; and as the Training Coordinator and Intelligence Officer for the state Terrorism Preparedness and Response Service. He holds Advanced Peace Officer and Advanced Instructor certification through the Oklahoma Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET), and Police Chief and Command Staff certification through the Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of Police. He is a graduate of CLEET's 57th Criminal Investigations Academy and the National Insurance Crime Bureau's Special Investigations Academy. Chief Wagon is currently the Director of the Oklahoma Insurance Department's Anti-Fraud Unit. This Unit holds state-wide law enforcement powers and specializes in the investigation of white-collar crimes with a nexus to the insurance industry. Rick maintains membership and/or contact with various financial crimes taskforces and terrorism working groups and serves as the Unit's designated Fusion Center Intelligence Liaison Officer.

Rick also holds many Advanced Instructor certifications within specialty skill sets such as Defensive Tactics and Law Enforcement Drivers Training. He has held Instructor-Trainer certifications through various organizations, including the National Law Enforcement Training Center, in various physical skills such as ground-fighting, knife-fighting, police batons, etc. He is a recognized Use of Force subject matter expert who has provided courtroom testimony and internal affairs consultation in that capacity. He holds many federally recognized credentials including US Department of Homeland Security Instructor and Trainer certifications in State/Local Anti-Terrorism Programs, Weapons of Mass Destruction, all levels of the Incident Command System, National Incident Management System, National Response Plan/Framework, Continuity of Operations Programs, Continuity of Government, and Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Programs. As a practitioner, he holds DHS certifications as an Intelligence Analyst, as an Intelligence Commander, and in Threat and Risk Assessment. He's had training in a wide range of areas from Active Shooter and Suicide Bomber Response to Financial Investigation Techniques and Cyber Economic Warfare.

Rick has performed in a wide variety of state ICS Command & General Staff roles during emergency response and in practical exercises. He has been designated as a Site Commander, Intelligence Officer, Federal/State Security Liaison Officer, Deputy Planning Chief, and Logistics Chief in various ICS structures. He was actively involved in the implementation of the federal Strategic National Stockpile program for the State of Oklahoma and conducted vulnerability and Threat and Risk Assessments for many confidential locations. He has held important positions on various Emergency Planning Committees at state and local levels, and has been a sought-after terrorism exercise evaluator for multiple public and confidential exercises for the state and for metropolitan areas. He is also certified as an Emergency Public Information Officer by the Oklahoma Office of Emergency Management.

A High School Valedictorian w/multiple honors, Rick later won first place in the Intercollegiate Academic Bowl, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Leadership (graduating w/cum laude honors), and was selected for the Distinguished Achievement Award. He next earned his Master of Science degree in Business Management, with a specialty focus on Strategic Planning and Human Resources. He holds black-belt degrees in Tomiki-Ryu Shodokan Aikido, and Sharp-san Jujitsu, and recognition in other fighting styles, including edged weapons. He graduated from the state police academy with Academic honors, won the Departmental Award, the Chief's Award, the Lifesaving Award, and High Shooter Awards at his former police department. He has since received numerous commendations throughout his state-based tenure from various officials, civic organizations, and more.

Rick has served as an Adjunct Professor for a number of universities including Oklahoma State University-OKC, the University of Central Oklahoma, and Southern Nazarene University. He teaches in both graduate and undergraduate degree programs for colleges of business, finance, and criminal justice. Rick also continues to serve as an academy Adjunct Instructor for law enforcement agencies, and is frequently retained as a conference speaker for public and private industry organizations. Happily married with two fine sons, Rick is active in his local church as an occasional speaker and conducts popular in-home Bible studies with a focus on the Hebrew language and Jewish perspectives. With the encouragement of his pastor, he recently launched Zion's Roar Ministries (see Joel 3:16, KJV Holy Bible) and has been featured as a recurring guest on Christian radio.