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Last month, following an exclusive invitation, Government Training Institute (GTI) president Chadd Harbaugh and Senior Terrorism Instructor, Peter Spagnolo, spent four days on Capitol Hill briefing delegations of the United States Senate and Congress. The topic of discussion was the preparedness levels of state and local law enforcement SWAT teams who counter terrorism and respond to mass casualty events in the US. Also discussed was what efforts are being made by GTI and others to prepare for future attacks.

The briefings came only one month after the publishing of James Forest PhD's [Countering Terrorism and Insurgency in the 21st Century: International Perspectives](#) in which Harbaugh and Spagnolo co-authored a chapter on the very topic on which the briefings centered. The publication is used by Dr. Forest's students enrolled in the Center for Countering Terrorism at the US Military Academy at West Point.

Since GTI's visit to Washington, DC, staffers from various Senate and Congressional offices have visited the training facility in Boise. "There is a lot of work to be done but fortunately we have some great people in office who are whole heartedly concerned with the safety and security of the great people of our country," stated Harbaugh, "Together we can accomplish anything!" GTI is currently working with several delegations on numerous homeland security related issues.

Following the week on Capitol Hill, Harbaugh visited states on the east coast and met with different agencies to discuss the specific and regional needs of law enforcement departments to identify how GTI could help law enforcement agencies meet their preparedness goals. "Relationships were solidified and GTI will move aggressively forward helping these agencies to secure our homeland and meet any threats head on," Harbaugh added. "We need individuals in government, public office, and private business who are forward thinkers. Folks who have 'can do' attitudes, people who identify problems and formulate solutions in advance of need. Partisanship has no place in homeland security. We must deliver to the first responders and to the public. We have a synergy now and we are culminating it."

At Your Service

GTI's Training Coordinators Are Here To Help

[GTI's Training Coordinators](#) are at your service and can answer a full range of questions regarding our DHS approved curriculum. Whether you need assistance reserving a class for your department, have questions on funding issues or want to talk more about what GTI has to offer, our training coordinators are ready help. Don't hesitate to call them!

- Alec Sarrazolla (Training Coordinator)
- Bill Weires (Training Coordinator)
- Ramon Olano (Training Coordinator)

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Chadd Harbaugh
GTI President

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Top Student Award

Top Shooter from last Type 1 Class (Aug 6-31st) was Tim Greene from [Rock Hill Police Department](#) in South Carolina. Nice work Officer Greene!



- Dan Brooks (Facilities Manager)
- Stephanie Gunderson (Administrative Assistant)

"We offer total solutions for law enforcement, security, facilities management, fire, rescue, special purpose clothing, marine craft and emergency/disaster response," says GTI president [Chadd Harbaugh](#). "GSA regulations make it even easier for state and local agencies to contract with our organizations."

GTI is registered as a GSA approved vendor under the Federal Supply and Service Schedule 084. A GSA schedule is a highly effective, efficient, and rapid method to contract for GTI's services. A GSA schedule derived contract is typically one page in length and can be put into effect in a very short time frame. Complete instructions are contained in [GSA schedule / price list](#) and additional information may be found in the [GSA Advantage](#) section of our website. The Government Training Institute is listed in the U. S. Government GSA Schedule (Contract #: GS-07F-0300T)



GTI provides a full range of operational military and law enforcement training services to federal, state and local government and the private sector. Our mission is to offer intense and realistic training, thorough and comprehensive research, and honest and ethical consulting, to prepare our country's military, law enforcement and first responders who face challenges associated with living in a post 9/11 world. Major areas include: SIN 426-4F found in the "Emergency Preparedness and First Responder Equipment, Training and Services" category.

International Chief of Police Conference

October 12-17, 2007 in New Orleans

Government Training Institute will showcase training curriculum and training facilities at The Annual International Chiefs of Police Conference and Expo in New Orleans October 12-17, 2007.

The conference examines critical issues facing homeland security while exploring new technology and real-world solutions key to the success of today's law enforcement professionals.



Conference attendees who visit the GTI booth (#4831) will be eligible for a chance to win [free anti terrorist force protection or active shooter training session](#) at the GTI training facility in Boise, Idaho or a new [steel rifle target](#). While you're there, discover how:

- crime, natural disasters, changing demographics and fluctuating economic conditions combined with the 9/11 terrorist attacks and disrupted plots in the US are changing the face of police work. Learn how to enhance your units capability to engage in information sharing initiatives to allow your strategic decision makers to initiate operational intervention at critical moments.
- law enforcement, fire departments and emergency medical services have similar and dissimilar roles at the scenes of multiple casualties. Learn how to develop protocols and training situations that unite law enforcement and emergency medical response on joint operations in the most effective manner.
- information acquired from the peripheral vision impacts the decision making process and reaction to deadly force encounters. Learn how to train your mind to improve your situational reaction and the time frame for an attentional shift.

Going the Distance



GTI Instructors Co-Author Publication: Countering Terrorism and Insurgency in the 21st Century

GTI's president Chadd Harbaugh and senior terrorism expert Peter Spagnolo recently co-authored *Countering Terrorism and Insurgency in the 21st Century*.

The book was edited by Professor James Forest who teaches at West Point's Combating Terrorism Center.

The publication consists of three volumes with an in-depth look at the role of state and local police departments play in combating terrorism along with an emphasis on SWAT.

[Order Online!](#)

From Saipan to Boise

In the past two decades, Saipan has struggled with a host of challenges -- the decline in tourism, cancellation of Korean Air service and above all, fears of international crises such as the SARS epidemic, terrorism and the Iraq war. As a result, Saipan's government has concentrated attention on these challenges in order to provide long-term stability and prosperity for this US insular area.



Federal agencies and the Commonwealth of Northern Marianas Islands (CNMI) have sponsored and participated in conferences, training sessions, technical assistance and other programs to improve the condition of CNMI. Most recently Anthony Macaranas and Jesse Dubrall of Saipan's Department of Public Safety attended GTI's sniper training sessions.

Contact GTI for more information about [counter terrorism](#), [customized curriculum](#) and international training programs.

The Government Training Institute (GTI) was founded in 2003 to address needs of state and local law enforcement agencies throughout the United States. Please let us know how we can assist you. GTI's 30+ courses contain a cooperative curriculum base and ongoing research from the staff with 400 years of operational military and law enforcement experience. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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News

Noteworthy of Recognition

Special thanks to Sheriff Phil Steen from Lewis County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Steen spent 25 days at GTI in August for a custom training intensive. Sheriff Steen attended Basic SWAT, Type 1 SWAT and Advanced SWAT courses consecutively. Way to go!

Top Student

[Tim Greene](#), of the [Rock Hill Police Department](#) in South Carolina, was awarded Top Shooter during GTI's Type 1 Class in August. Nice work Officer Greene!

A Special Thanks!

GTI would like to thank officers from Rock Hill Police Department and Greenville County Sheriff Office in South Carolina who attended a month-long training session in Boise. Congratulations on the successful completion of your curriculum! And, thanks for showing us what sweet tea and boiled peanuts are all about!

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