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# OpSec Newsletter

**Fraud Prevention Advisory - Learn More Inside**

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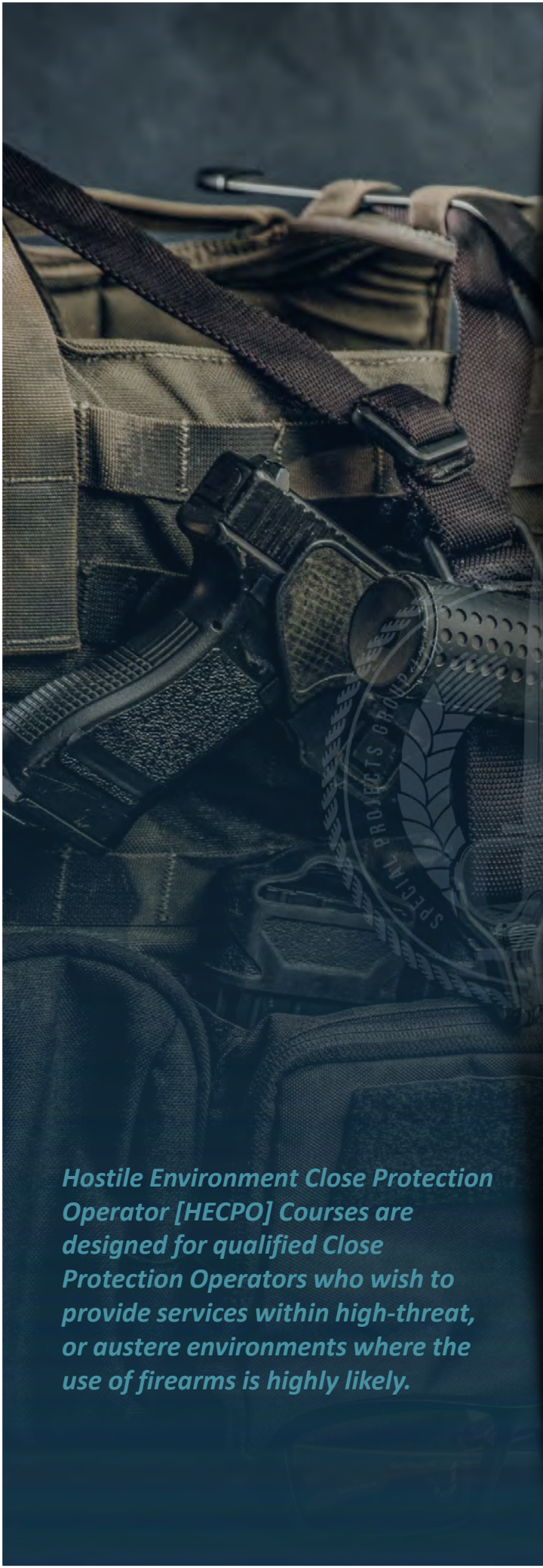
## **New Courses from SPG Tactical**

Read about our new HECPO Training Courses, Non-Verbal Communications for the Security Environment and Hostile Environment Training [HET] Courses

## **Synthetic Training Environments**

News on our exciting Strategic Partnering with SEIDR, providing SPG with Safe to Fail Training and Synthetic Training Environments currently used by UKSF, Security Services and UK Home Office

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## HECPO Training for Private Security Teams

Preparing your Close Protection Teams to achieve a high degree of operational functionality for high-threat environments, focusing on key subject areas that are vital to maintaining an effective protective effort, affording the Client a real sense of personal security and confidence.

When operating within the capacity of high-threat, close protection within hostile, or austere environments, the HECPO [Operator] is expected to function at the highest level of capability and professionalism.

These Operators often work in small teams, fully dependent on one another to ensure an effective protective effort is afforded the Client.

Subjects covered within our HECPO Course include, but are not limited to the following:

- HECPO Team Escort Drills
- Residential Security [High-Threat Environments]
- Site Security Surveys
- Threat & Risk Assessments
- Route Selection & Planning
- Counter-Attack Team [CAT]
- Security Advance Party [SAP] Team
- Venue Security Team [VST]
- Managing the Protective Effort
- Operational Planning & Management

Courses are held in South Africa or the United States of America.

**Please Note:** Courses are run for Organisations and Private Clients only. We do not currently offer individual placement on these courses due to the nature of the training.

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*Hostile Environment Close Protection Operator [HECPO] Courses are designed for qualified Close Protection Operators who wish to provide services within high-threat, or austere environments where the use of firearms is highly likely.*

# An Introduction to Synthetic Training Environments

In a recently secured Strategic Partnership, Special Projects Group now possesses the capability to provide its clients with a tried, tested, and proven technology.

Combining synthetic environments and behavioural sciences to train and validate organisational learning and planning across multiple domains, in the room or across a network. This service is currently delivered globally to industry, law enforcement, government departments and certain specialist units within the military.

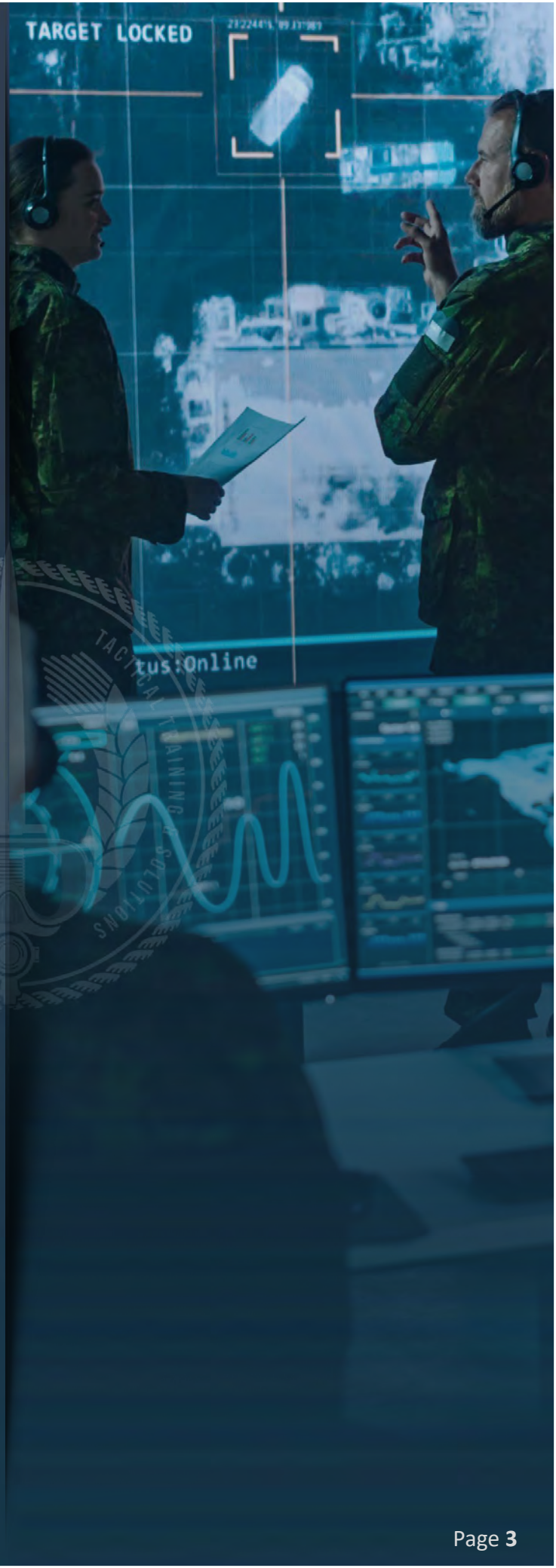
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The artificial intelligence [AI] produces adaptive narratives based on objectives, situational possibilities and user interaction, the design of which is heavily influenced by the proprietary decision-making loop and situational assessment processes.

Situational awareness training includes self-awareness to identify and manage unconscious bias. This is so you can perceive and decide with greater accuracy, tempo and increased operational utility. This can then be applied by individuals and groups to the synthetic environments to validate the learning and improve performance with minimal disruption to operational needs.

Learn more about Synthetic Training Environments on our website:

[www.SpecialProjectsGroup.org/services/synthetic-training-environments](http://www.SpecialProjectsGroup.org/services/synthetic-training-environments)





## Strategic Partnership Programme

Are you interested in becoming a Strategic Partner for Special Projects Group? We are looking to develop strong business relationships with proven, established companies within the Security Sector. We offer excellent commission rates, and partnerships on key projects.

Contact us today either through our website, or by emailing us at the following address: [enquire@SpecialProjectsGroup.org](mailto:enquire@SpecialProjectsGroup.org).

## New Fraud Prevention Advisory Services

Fraud is the largest crime by type in the United Kingdom. In the year ending December 2022, 1 in 15 adults in the UK were victims of fraud and there were an estimated 3.7 million incidents of fraud in England and Wales – *over 40% of all crime reported*.

A recent Economic Crime Survey also suggests that around one in five UK businesses in 2020 had been a victim of fraud in the previous three years over the COVID pandemic.

To learn more about our Fraud Prevention Advisory Services, visit our website and click on 'Fraud Prevention' in the top menu.

# Non-Verbal Communications for NGO & Media Organisations

The use of body language and coaching in nonverbal communication has long been associated with either extreme of the social spectrum, only seen to be relevant for those in politics at one end of the scale and a cheap gimmick used in cafes and bars at the other end.

Our course has been developed and tested on the battlefields of Afghanistan and adapted for a multitude of uses.

As security consultants, we often underestimate our ability to read signs and signals from the people we engage with, with coaching, we can hone these skills and ultimately focus our instincts, enabling us all to become better operators.

Up to now “time served” experience has dictated our ability to pick up subconscious cues and triggers helping to give us the edge during negotiations and meetings.

## NVC-SE Course Subjects

- Advanced Proxemics
- Threat Detection
- Hidden Weapons
- Pre & Post-Attack Profiling
- Client & Target Control
- Duress Detection
- Recognition of Suspicious Behaviours
- Cultural Differences
- Micro-Expressions
- Interview & Questioning Procedures
- Building Rapport

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*Special Projects Group offer a range of Non-Verbal Communication [NVC] Courses for Security Professionals. Contact us to find out more.*



## SPG Present at 'The Security Event'

Special Projects Group Director of Training and Co-Founder Gary Simpson volunteered his services at 'The Security Event' held recently at the Birmingham NEC.

This was due to a speaker failing to attend, and Gary offered to 'fill in for him' and delivered a 30-minute introduction talk on Non-Verbal Communications (in a Security Environment).

Many of the event attendees who attended this talk learnt some useful tips from Gary, and the interaction and end-of-presentation question time made for a successful delivery.

Special Projects Group currently offers four [classroom-based] courses on Non-Verbal Communications, and you can read about these on our company website.

If you wish to learn more, why not reach out and we will happily have Gary discuss any requirements with you. Email us at [enquire@specialprojectsgroup.org](mailto:enquire@specialprojectsgroup.org) to learn more.



# Physical Security Penetration Testing Teams

With the ever-growing threat of both International and domestic terrorism, as well as high-level criminal activities, the threats towards key strategic facilities such as Maritime Ports, Nuclear Facilities, Power Stations, etc is high.

New initiatives on security requirements is already part of the discussions to strengthen Port Security, and the requirement to effectively test and evaluate the physical security capabilities of these facilities is paramount to providing and demonstrating an effective security posture.

Regardless of where your facility is located, whether it is located on land, at sea, or a combination of both, once an agreement has been reached, we will conduct a thorough Risk Assessment, followed by a Security Site Survey, and finally, a Physical Penetration Test.

This will then be used to rate the existing security measures in place against recommendations made by SPG, ensuring a comprehensive, effective and increased security posture is established and implemented.

## SPG Penetration Team Personnel

SPG Personnel conducting these tests hail from Elite Military backgrounds such as the UK Royal Marines Commandos, SFSG, and Special Boat Service.

## Questions & Further Assistance

If you require any additional information or advice regarding our Physical Security Penetration Testing Services, please do not hesitate to contact us in confidence at [enquire@specialprojectsgroup.org](mailto:enquire@specialprojectsgroup.org).

*Physical Security Penetration Testing for those serious about an independent testing of their physical security posture.*



## SPG to Attend the DSEI – Excel London

Members of the Special Projects Group Training & Operations Team will be attending the DSEI Event held at the Excel Centre in London on the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

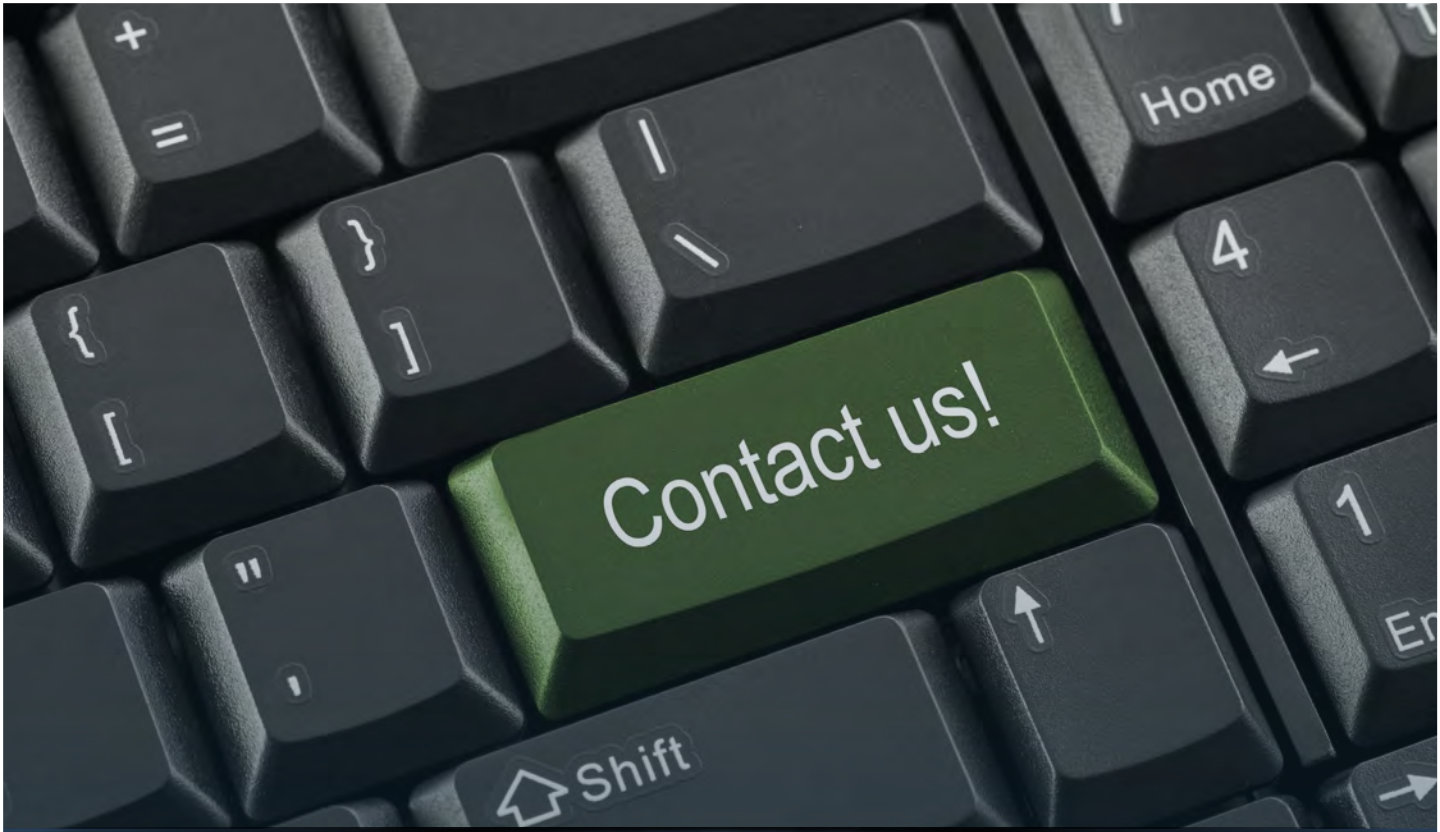
If anyone is attending this event and wish to meet with us, please feel free to reach out to us by emailing us at the following address [enquire@SpecialProjectsGroup.org](mailto:enquire@SpecialProjectsGroup.org) and requesting an informal meeting.

## SPG to Present at The Security Expo – Olympia London

Due to the success of the presentation given by Gary Simpson of Special Projects Group at the recent Security Event in Birmingham on Non-Verbal Communication for the Security Environment, SPG have been asked to present at the Security Expo in London at the Olympia London 26<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

If anyone is attending this event and wish to meet with us, please feel free to reach out to us by emailing us at the following address [enquire@SpecialProjectsGroup.org](mailto:enquire@SpecialProjectsGroup.org) and requesting an informal meeting as we would be more than happy to either assist you, or simply to establish a business relationship.





## Contact Details

To contact Special Projects Group, you can email us at: [enquire@SpecialProjectsGroup.org](mailto:enquire@SpecialProjectsGroup.org) and one of our Consultancy Team will respond within 24 hours.

You can also visit our company website at: <https://SpecialProjectsGroup.org> and use the form available through the contact page on the website.

If you wish to make a WhatsApp call, please use the following number: +44 (0)7584 353 932.

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