



## Corrections Officers

Corrections professionals operate in some of the most volatile and confined environments in public safety. With limited space, restricted movement, and constant proximity to high-risk individuals, the need for quick, decisive, and controlled defensive capabilities is paramount.

At Tom Sotis LLC, we provide corrections-specific edged weapon training designed to prepare officers for the unique demands of institutional security. Our program focuses on close-quarters defense, improvised weapon survival, control tactics, and threat recognition—all optimized for correctional environments where backup may be delayed and weapons are improvised.

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### Built for Confined Spaces and High-Risk Interactions

#### **Inmate Violence Is Personal and Immediate:**

Unlike patrol work, corrections officers work in constant physical proximity to individuals with violent backgrounds, mental instability, or gang affiliations. Attacks are often launched with no warning, at extremely close range, using improvised weapons such as sharpened toothbrushes, broken plastic, metal shanks, or hidden blades.

#### **Edged Weapon Defense Equals Survival:**

Our training teaches officers how to detect pre-attack cues, respond instantly, and take control under pressure. Whether responding to a sudden lunge or attempting to restrain an aggressive inmate, officers learn techniques designed to minimize injury, maintain control, and end the confrontation swiftly.

#### **Optimized for Tight Quarters:**

Corrections officers often operate in narrow corridors, cells, stairwells, and locked units—environments where traditional defensive options are limited or impractical. Our training is tailored for these conditions, emphasizing movement efficiency, tactical positioning, and close-quarters control.

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### Skill Development That Enhances Team and Facility Safety

#### **Disengagement and Control Tactics:**

We train officers to engage threats without excessive force, using blade mechanics as a framework for controlling an aggressor's movement, balance, and intent. These skills are ideal for subduing without escalating.

#### **Improvised Weapon Awareness:**

Corrections personnel must always be aware of their surroundings and the everyday items that can become lethal tools. Our training helps officers identify, defend against, and counter threats involving makeshift weapons—before they can be used.



### **Weapon Retention and Team Coordination:**

We reinforce awareness of personal gear, hand control, and retention techniques that protect the officer from disarmament. When working in teams, edged weapon awareness improves coordination and mutual support in cell extractions, transport scenarios, or tier responses.

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### **Professional Confidence with Institutional Support**

#### **Tactically Sound, Legally Grounded:**

Corrections officers are under growing scrutiny. Our training balances tactical effectiveness with ethical considerations and legal clarity. Officers are equipped not just with physical tools, but the verbal and report-writing language needed to justify actions in administrative or legal settings.

#### **Morale and Professional Pride:**

Training with edged weapons reinforces a protector's mindset. It builds confidence, sharpens judgment, and supports a team culture of preparedness. Officers emerge from the course better equipped—mentally and physically—for the demands of the job.

#### **Scalable for Facilities Large and Small:**

We offer flexible delivery options, from regional in-service training to train-the-trainer programs for full agency adoption. Whether you operate a county jail, state prison, or federal facility, our program can be tailored to your security level, staffing model, and operational needs.

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### **Conclusion: Prepared for the Realities of Corrections Work**

In the correctional environment, threats are immediate, spaces are limited, and the margin for error is razor-thin. Tom Sotis LLC delivers edged weapon training that reflects the reality of working inside the wire—training built on real-world movement, institutional conditions, and officer survival.

Corrections officers trained in edged weapon defense are not only safer and more capable—they are better prepared to protect their team, their facility, and themselves.