



THE BOYD CYCLE

“Machines don’t fight wars. Terrain doesn’t fight wars. Humans fight wars. You must get into the minds of humans. That’s where the battles are won.”

~ Col. John Boyd

Threat Assessment & Management Model for Protection Professionals

Course Description:

Principles of Boyd Cycle are put to work in this course, which teaches risk assessment and provides students with the means to project probable effects and outcome of unchecked risks. Learn how to use Observation and Orientation, Decision and Action (the OODA Phases of the Boyd Cycle) to minimize risk.

Course covers the following:

- The OODA LOOP (Boyd Cycle)
 - Applications to policing and security
- Importance of developing adaptive personnel and leaders
- Rapid tactical decision making
- Understanding Implicit versus Explicit information
 - Analysis and Synthesis
- Conflict defined
- Threats and Risk assessment using the Boyd Cycle
 - Types of threats
 - What’s real
- Survival Stress Response (how the Boyd Cycle helps control it)
- Fear
- Understanding the concept of Initiative
- Understanding the concept of Deception
- Understanding the concept of Adaptation
- How to create and nurture an environment of decision makers
 - Tactical Decision Games
 - After Action Reviews
- What slows the Decision Making Cycle down?
 - Friction
 - Attitude
 - Prepared vs. Unprepared
 - Forewarned is Forearmed
- How the “Boyd Cycle” applies to
 - Protection Professionals
 - Officers
 - Midlevel Management
 - Administrators
 - Investigators
 - Trainers
- Developing Mutual Trust = Fast OODA Loop=Initiative=Good Intuitive Decisions

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**“The more you
sweat when you
train, The less you
bleed on the
street.”**

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This is a Two Day Course.

In order to make the training clearer, students are expected to participate in the Tactical Decision Making scenarios.

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