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## Commercial Venue Security Risk, Threat, and Vulnerability Assessments

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## QUALIFICATION OVERVIEW

Jeffrey C. Kearnan delivers commercial venue security risk, threat, and vulnerability assessments grounded in 32 years of law enforcement and emergency management leadership, multi-year operational consulting for security firms and insured venues, and an active expert witness practice. His engagements combine on-site physical and operational analysis with policy, training, and response evaluation, producing prioritized, defensible findings that owners, operators, risk managers, insurers, and counsel can implement and stand behind. See Curriculum Vitae for more information: [Jeff-Kearnan-2025-CV.pdf](#)

## CORE COMPETENCIES FOR COMMERCIAL VENUE ASSESSMENTS

- Site-specific security risk, threat, and vulnerability assessments for hotel-casino, retail, hospitality, multifamily, entertainment, and mixed-use properties
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) analysis and physical security recommendations
- Premises liability and negligent security evaluation, including post-incident review, pre-litigation risk reduction, and expert witness reporting and testimony
- Active shooter and armed assailant preparedness, including response protocols, lockdown procedures, and tabletop exercises
- Private sector and nonprofit orgs security policy, post orders, training program design, and contract security oversight
- Emergency operations planning, incident command, and multi-agency response coordination
- Force science analysis and use of force review for proprietary and contracted security personnel
- Threat assessment and protective operations for executives, principals, and high-profile guests
- Critical infrastructure protection and resilience planning aligned with federal and state frameworks

## ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY AND STANDARDS

Assessments follow the International Association of Professional Security Consultants (IAPSC) Forensic Methodology (rev. January 23, 2025) and apply the following consensus standards and authorities:

- ASIS International Physical Asset Protection Standard (ANSI/ASIS PAP.1-2012) and ASIS Protection of Assets, Physical Security (2021 ed.)
- ASIS Security Risk Assessment Standard (ASIS SRA-2024)
- ASIS Workplace Violence and Active Assailant Standard (ANSI/ASIS WVPI AA-2020)
- ASIS Security Awareness Standard (ANSI/ASIS SA.1-2020)
- NFPA 730, Guide for Premises Security (2023 ed.)
- DHS National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP 2013) and DHS Risk Lexicon
- CISA Venue Guide for Security Enhancements (January 2025)
- Illuminating Engineering Society IES G-1-22 Guide for Security Lighting
- US CPTED Association National CPTED Design Guidelines and the canonical CPTED, Routine Activity, and Place Management literature

## REPRESENTATIVE PRACTITIONER FIELD ENGAGEMENTS

Active and recent operational, assessment, and emergency planning practice.

- **Contract security firm operations and oversight.** Multi-year consultant to a San Francisco Bay Area contract security firm covering RFPs, contract deliverables, post orders, training program design, quality assurance, internal and payroll investigations, workshops, and regulatory compliance.
- **Commercial site and facility vulnerability assessments.** Security assessor for government facilities; multi-site commercial private sector and nonprofit security assessments (initial and final reports).
- **Insurance program advisory and continuing education.** Insurance Agency and national brokers security advisory consultant, via published articles, monthly briefings, webinars supporting an insured program serving 4,000+ houses of worship and faith-based organizations nationwide.
- **Sports, entertainment, and executive protection (prior operational).** Director of Security, Anschutz Entertainment Group, for Oakland Coliseum and Oakland Arena (Oakland Raiders final season, Oakland A's home games, Disney touring events, concerts); executive protection for CEOs of fortune 100 companies; NFL Monday Night Football and professional team security through previous engagements.

- **Public sector emergency management consulting.** San Mateo County, California: EOC operations, COVID-19 public health response, mass-vaccination incident command, Care & Shelter operations for the Human Services Agency, and internal affairs and policy reviews for County Counsel.
- **Schools and educational facility assessments.** Completed vulnerability assessments and emergency operations plans for private schools and retreat centers in states throughout the USA, with additional school and campus engagements in process across California.
- **Houses of worship and faith-based community facilities (multi-state).** Completed and recurring security vulnerability risk assessments, policy/plan, emergency operations/response, training/reconciliation plan development and grant writing engagements for churches and schools across TX, FL, AZ, MN, UT, and CA.
- **Authored emergency operations and safety publications.** Owner of multiple U.S. Copyright registrations covering Emergency Operations Plans, Safety Response Team Procedures, Family Reunification Plans, and Training Plans for houses of worship and California schools, with state-specific editions for CA, TX, FL, NV, OK, MI, MA, IA, VA, AZ, AR, CO, KS, and WI.

## REPRESENTATIVE EXPERT WITNESS ENGAGEMENTS

Expert witness engagements reflect a balanced practice across plaintiff- and defense-retained matters in negligent security, premises liability, use of force, and homicide matters in state and federal courts.

- Hotel-casino and integrated resort properties
- Retail, restaurant, tavern, and shopping venues
- Entertainment, live-event, and cruise venues
- Multifamily and mixed-use commercial properties; public-entity, use-of-force, and in-custody matters

## ENGAGEMENT TYPES

- Pre-acquisition and pre-opening security due diligence
- Baseline and recurring physical security and policy audits
- Post-incident assessments and remediation roadmaps
- Expert witness engagement in premises liability and negligent security matters, including report preparation, deposition, and trial testimony
- Tabletop exercise design and facilitation for ownership, management, and on-site teams

## EDUCATION, CREDENTIALS, AND RECENT TRAINING

EDUCATION	REGISTRATIONS, CERTIFICATIONS, AND RECENT TRAINING
M.S., Homeland Defense and Security Studies, Naval Postgraduate School (2015) B.S., Criminal Justice Management, Union Institute and University (2012) FEMA Independent Study Certification, Emergency Management Institute FEMA ICS 100, 200, 300, 400, 700, and 800	CPTED Practitioner Certification, Texas A&M (2023) Force Science Analyst, Force Science Institute (recertified 2022, 2024) Texas A&M / TEEX Critical Infrastructure Protection Certification (2025), Physical and Cybersecurity for Critical Infrastructure (2025), Threat and Hazard Identification (2024), Risk Assessments for Critical Community Assets (2024) SWAT Team Commander; Active Shooter / Critical Incident Instructor; FLETC PSTP CI SVA

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

ASIS International (North Texas Chapter); International Association of Professional Security Consultants (IAPSC); US CPTED Association; Force Science Institute; International Association of Chiefs of Police; Police Executive Research Forum; National Tactical Officers Association; California State Sheriffs Association; Texas State Sheriff's Association; Faith Based Security Network.

## WHY THIS MATTERS FOR COMMERCIAL VENUE CLIENTS

Commercial venues, from hotel-casino and retail to office, hospitality, entertainment, and mixed-use properties, face a layered risk environment spanning armed assailant incidents, premises liability exposure, workplace violence, crowd and event risk, and third-party criminal acts. Mr. Kearnan evaluates each site through both an operator's and a litigator's lens, producing findings that are practical for daily operations and durable under post-incident scrutiny. Every engagement concludes with a prioritized, written report suitable for use by ownership, counsel, and insurance carriers.

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