



Officer Jim Wagner (circled), standing by primary instructor Chuck Habermehl, was the Range Safety Officer (RSO) for Habermehl's three-day Close Quarters Battle live-fire training course at the Special Operation Training Group (SOTG) range at MCB Camp Pendleton in late 1997. Officer Wagner first trained under Habermehl in a three-day course at the U.S. Navy SEALs shoot house in San Diego titled as HIGH THREAT CLASS completed on February 28, 1997. Officer Wagner, also owner of HSS International, Inc., had hired Habermehl to teach these live-fire courses along with a nutritional course held at City of Placentia City Hall, California. Habermehl is a former US Marine and decorated Vietnam vetran and a former law enforcement officer in Florida. Officer Wagner was responsible for the 40 operators shown here as the US Marine Corps trained RSO. The RSO must not only know how to run a safe live-fire range, but he must know all of the techniques that the operators will be using. This training included running four-man teams through the live-fire shoot house with no room for mistakes. Operators were all engaging targets literally shooting inches from one another in Close Quarter Battle drills.