



THE SHIELD GROUP, LLC

The Shield Group is a licensed and fully insured security consulting and investigations firm with domestic and international experience. In business for over thirty years, we specialize in providing world-class Chief Information Security Officer (CISO), cybersecurity, business security, investigative, operational security, personal security, technical surveillance countermeasures and other specialized security services. Associates of The Shield Group are subject matter experts in their career fields with proven experience – not theoretical book knowledge. Obtaining a degree in criminal justice studies or retiring from a police department after twenty years of patrol officer experience or as a police detective does not automatically make an individual an expert in security consulting, risk mitigation, information protection or resolving complex personal protection concerns.

There is an old saying: *“If the only tool you have in your tool box is a hammer, then everything looks like a nail.”* At The Shield Group we have a wide assortment of tools

in our security tool box to apply to your individual security needs and challenges – tools, methods, equipment and techniques acquired over many years of practical experience working with corporate and individual clients just like you who have faced similar problems. Each client is unique and so are the problems they face. Consider calling The Shield Group to see if our extensive experience and well equipped box of tools can provide the type of assistance you require to solve your unique cybersecurity, risk, business loss, protection or investigative challenges.

Our History

The Shield Group was originally formed as a security consulting firm in Palo Alto, California – the heart of Silicon Valley – in 1983 and obtained a Private Investigative Agency License in the state of California in 1986. The firm originally specialized in providing operational security consulting, counter-intelligence and technical surveillance countermeasure services (often

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called “bug sweeps” – looking for covert eavesdropping or spying devices) to technology firms, the quickly developing computer hardware and software industry, and defense contractors working on classified government programs where top level government security clearances and high caliber security measures were necessary.

Over time it was recognized that there was a need to provide these same high caliber security, investigative and protective services to private individuals, sometimes on a pro-bono basis for those who required help but were unable to afford or obtain such expertise. We were able to do this because members of The Shield Group did not rely on their association with “The Group” as their primary source of income, instead engaging in this work because of other personal convictions and motivations.

Associates of “The Group” who provided consulting and investigative expertise on a case-by-case basis consisted of moonlighting members of federal, state and local law enforcement agencies and associates from the U.S. intelligence community. Depending upon the particular case or situation, a diverse group of individuals could often be found providing assistance, ranging from a member of the U.S. Secret Service to a deputy with the Sacramento County Sheriff’s Department; a DEA special agent to a gang crimes officer with the Los Angeles Police Department; an intelligence officer with U.S. Customs Service to a special agent with the

California Bureau of Organized Crime and Criminal Intelligence. From time to time agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), the U.S. Naval Investigative Service (NIS), the U.S. Air Force Office of Special Investigation (AF-OSI), and detectives from several local law enforcement agencies could be found providing a helping hand.

All these individuals shared a set of common beliefs with the founder of The Shield Group:

- That evil exists in the world, bad people will do bad things, and that justice should triumph whenever possible – but sometimes justice needs the help of dedicated men and women willing to ensure that it does prevail;
- That innocent people are taken advantage of and become the victims of crime, and these victims often do not have the means to protect themselves and their loved ones – but those with experience and knowledge in the art of security, intelligence operations, law enforcement procedures and personal protection measures can help tip the scales of justice in favor of the innocent so they need not be a victim any longer;
- That one good man or woman can indeed make a difference. While a situation may seem hopeless to a victim who is at their wits end, a



trained security specialist, intelligence operative or law enforcement professional can often bring various solutions to the table. As in any algebraic equation, changing a variable changes the result – and often all that is needed is for one person with specific skills or expertise to turn an otherwise hopeless situation into one of promise with a shining light at the end of the darkened tunnel.

As the word spread, our work increased. During the next 30 years, The Shield Group continued to expand operations to other parts of the U.S. and form affiliations and associations with other organizations.

Today

Not everyone who contacts us becomes a client. We are selective regarding who we work for and what assignments we will accept. We can afford to be selective because, as in the beginning, our goal is not necessarily about profit – it is about providing safety, security, protection and peace of mind. It is about delivering world-class, professional, security and investigative services. It is about integrity and always doing the right thing.

It is about ensuring that the scales of justice always tip in the direction that they should – protecting our clients.