

## **Jim Shames, Brigadier General (retired), CPP**



Jim Shames is President of 5D Pro Solutions LLC, a consulting and services firm dedicated to helping clients find the most effective and efficient ways to protect critical infrastructure, information, operations and people. In this capacity, Mr. Shames leads initiatives to help senior executives assess risk and determine advanced, integrated technical and process solutions to mitigate the risk. The breadth and depth of his experience and capabilities are extraordinary and global. His background includes operations, research, analysis, development, design, engineering, deployment, training and logistics support of protection in the U.S., international, interagency, combined and joint environments.

Mr. Shames has extensive experience in federal and international protection programs. Prior to starting his own company, he was a Brigadier General in the U.S. Air Force, where his last assignment was as Director of Security Forces and Force Protection, a job involving all facets of protection for critical operations, information and facilities worldwide, located at over 200 permanent and forward deployed installations and employing over 35,000 security forces personnel. His experience, having been in the Pentagon during the 9/11/2001 attack and associated with the response to other attacks, helped him lead the development and execution of a grand plan to better organize, train and equip 35,000 military and civilian personnel to improve protection worldwide. This plan significantly reduced risk by creating larger, better trained forces; and by innovating vastly improved concepts, technologies, tactics, techniques, and procedures. During his military career, he has had numerous assignments in key operations and training command and staff positions, and he has led major operational and technical concept changes that significantly increased both the effectiveness and efficiency of security. After retirement from the military and previous to his current position, Mr. Shames was the Vice President and General Manager of L-3 Government Services Incorporated Integrated Security Solutions and Services which conducts research, development, design, engineering, deployment and service of advanced security systems for critical infrastructure and operations.

Mr. Shames is a 1974 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, has a Masters Degree in Business Management and is a Certified Protection Professional (CPP). He is a key member of ASIS International and is deeply committed to improve protection of people, operations, information and facilities in the government and private sectors. He is currently a member of the Alliance for Enterprise Security Risk Management (AESRM), a major joint initiative to determine the best methods to converge protection disciplines and risk dimensions for government and industry. The AESRM is a combined effort of ASIS International, the Information Systems Security Association, and the Information Systems Audit and Control Association. Additionally, Mr. Shames has been appointed to the ASIS International President's Commission on Enterprise Risk Management, a new effort to address enterprise risk management's impact on the government, industry and security professionals. He is also a member of the Private Sector Liaison Committee of International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). Previously he was the Co-chair, Civilian and Military Cooperation Committee, ASIS International; co-chair, Civilian Law Enforcement and Military Cooperation Committee, IACP; Co-chair, Homeland Security Committee, IACP.