



Tim Crockett

After a short career in engineering Tim Crockett joined the Royal Marine Commandos, from where he went on to join the Special Boat Service (SBS) in 1992, seeing service in every environment from the jungle through to the arctic, and eventually leading a maritime counter-terrorist team specializing in anti-piracy and anti-smuggling initiatives. After deployments to Northern Iraq, the Balkans and Latin America he went on to become the senior instructor and assessor for the UK's Special Forces selection course based in Hereford, England.

After moving into the private sector he continued to pursue a varied career working in a number of areas including; executive close protection, conducting security & vulnerability assessments, evaluating threats to projects and personnel, and implementing security measures offshore in West Africa and in the Far East and on land throughout the Globe.

Tim is now Partner and CEO of Pioneer Consulting Group, responsible for the development of the organization's strategy and operations. Prior to forming *The Pioneer Group* he was Executive Director for a leading Security Risk Management company advising and working closely with clients who operate predominately in hostile environments. He has worked alongside many of them in the field, with deployments to Afghanistan, Iraq, Africa and the Amazon jungle of Brazil and SE Asia.

For nearly 2 years he worked within a major US news media network, training their personnel to operate in hostile environments and co-coordinating all of their field safety & security requirements before, during and post last Gulf War. He attended the first media-training course run by the US Department of Defence and made as such made recommendations to the P.A.O personnel at the Pentagon to better tailor the course to help prepare the embedded journalists during the war.

Tim has given presentations on the subject of safety & security training in a number of forums in both the Media and Energy industry, including the Media Leaders meeting at the World Economic Forum 2005. Tim has appeared on a number of major news networks (CNN, CBC, Fox News) and has been quoted directly in several publications.

Whilst working with the media he has helped contribute to safer newsgathering and so has been credited with a Royal Television Society, an Overseas Press Club of America and a Peabody Award. Tim is also on the Board of Directors for the Homeland Security Foundation of America, a non-profit organization for Public Safety, Energy Security and Health & Human Services and also Chairs the Public Safety Committee.

Tim currently resides in North Atlanta (Marietta) with his wife Jennifer and their two children Harrison and Brianna.