



*"It really all began after I got married. I wanted to protect my wife, but I knew I couldn't always be with her. That's when I began exploring, learning and training. And from there, the concept of WOFT was born."*

*Philip Toppino. CEO & Founder*

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Philip Toppino is the CEO and Founder of WOFT. For more than a decade there, Philip has spearheaded the development of a transformative experience, which incorporates entirely new concepts for safety and instruction.

Overtime, WOFT has evolved from what it was originally, because Philip has evolved. When Philip began to explore self-defense training, he encountered what most people would; a tactical fight and win approach. What he found was missing, were methods of instruction to help people who didn't want to fight. Methods that teach people how to de-escalate and/or avoid the fight in the first place. This is at the heart of who Philip is and why he has worked so hard at to make WOFT what it is today.

In addition to CEO, one of the key roles for Philip is the Directing Instructor for Scenario Safety courses. Together he leads an impressive team of trainers and associate instructors, who collectively work to offer comprehensive courses with real-life experience that literally transform peoples lives.

A native of Florida, Philip is originally from the Fort Myers area. He graduated from the University of Central Florida (UCF). Throughout his years of training and experience he has become certified at the Force Science Institute (Analyst, Methods of Instruction, and Realistic De-Escalation Instructor), a Certified Instructor for USCCA, NRA Training (training the trainers) and is Director of Training for ICU Investigative & Protective Services and much more.

He's also a devoted husband and father of two amazing teenage children.