COME TO ISRAEL WITH SSI! – 5 STEPS TO GET YOU TO ISRAEL IN 5 WEEKS
How to Attend SSI’s Advanced Homeland Security Training in Israel

STEP 1:
The Advanced Program was developed in response to the progress in US counter terrorism during the years 2005-2012. In 2012, a new program was developed to adapt for the continuing progress made in US Homeland Security. The original program was attended by about 500 professionals from many different agencies. We now have an Advanced Program that goes beyond what participants learned in those years. Contact Henry Morgenstern in the SSI Sales Division to obtain and complete the SSI Application as well as to obtain any recent updated grant availability information. You should do this as soon as you can to ensure that you are up-to-date with SSI training requirements, eligibility and availability as SSI programs to Israel fill quickly and are limited in size.

STEP 2:
Contact your local training coordinator as they are your connection to DHS funding for the trip. We suggest using the first attached SAMPLE LETTER which details the training program, location and expected training outcomes for participants. This step MUST be completed before final approval can be obtained from the federal level – you must complete this step in order to move to STEP 3. For additional information, please refer to www.ohs.ca.gov/hseep/traininghome.html.

STEP 3:
Your agency needs to submit to state level training division on agency letterhead an official request to participate in training overseas. We suggest using the second SAMPLE LETTER with ATTACHEMENTS. We have outlined for you the specific details regarding program contact information, agenda and cost breakdown that OHS requests.

STEP 4:
After you have submitted the documents outlined in STEP 2, go to http://www.ohs.ca.gov/forms/default.asp and complete the Training Request Form to generate the federal tracking number your grant personnel will need to apply for reimbursement.

STEP 5:
Once all of the above steps are complete and the entire package is reviewed by OHS. They will endorse and forward it to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Training Division for approval.

*Overseas travel approval may take 30-60 days* Once approved, your agency will be notified.

SAMPLE LETTER (STEP 2)

(YOUR LOCAL TRAINING COORDINATOR)  
(ADDRESS)

DATE

(YOUR LOCAL AGENCY/REGION)  
(ADDRESS)

Dear Training Coordinator,

We are interested in taking part in the “Advanced Homeland Security Training in Israel” training program provided by Security Solutions International, LLC, (SSI) to be held this ________ in Tel Aviv, Israel using FY20__ Homeland Security Grant funding. SSI is a Miami-Dade county Disadvantaged Business Entity that has trained representatives from over 700 Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies since 2004 on topics that range from suicide terrorism techniques to operational response to mass casualties to advanced intelligence gathering.

By attending this training course, we will be obtain an inside look at the way Israel’s ports, airports, shopping malls, government buildings, critical infrastructure, schools and stadiums are protected. We will be meeting some of the people that are responsible for keeping Israel safe. We will also be learning about Suicide Terror, about VBIEDs, about protecting VIP’s and other high profile targets. The aim of this program is to take away ideas on how to harden targets in our own areas by observing Israeli techniques and translating them to fit our own vulnerabilities, thus better protecting our country from these violent actions. Because the face of terrorism changes more easily than conventional forces, we must always be learning. This is the only way to stay ahead of the threat.

Israel is a very small, young country that has accomplished a tremendous amount in a very short time against a background of either full-scale War or protracted low-intensity conflicts throughout most of its existence. Over the last two years, they have managed to stop nearly 95% of the terrorist attacks against them. Through a total of 60 study hours, our agency will benefit from their knowledge, and will apply it in areas like Public Safety, School Safety, Port and Airport Security, Aviation Security, Critical Infrastructure and Government Building Security and Dignitary Protection.
Please consider this letter as our formal request for approval to use of Homeland Security Grant funds to support our attendance to this overseas training. Feel free to contact us for more information.

Sincerely,

(YOUR NAME)
(YOUR AGENCY/CONTACT INFORMATION)

SAMPLE LETTER (STEP 3) (MUST BE ON AGENCY LETTER HEAD)

DATE

California Emergency Management Agency
Attn: Training Division
Address
City, State ZIP

Dear (YOUR POINT OF CONTACT),

This request is for your approval to utilize Homeland Security Grant funds for me and the following individuals to attend _________________________________________. The training is scheduled for ________________ in Israel.

Attendee #1 (YOUR NAME, YOUR AGENCY)
Attendee #2
Attendee #3
Attendee #4

Recent terrorist attacks around the world have shown a continued high level of threat as well as that preventive measures implemented were not sufficient. Participation of the above representatives from the (YOUR TOWN) area in this program will strengthen my area’s ability to realize the National Priorities set out in the FY20___ Homeland Security Grant Program. Homeland Security strategies in Israel are widely recognized in the international forum as some of the best in the world and familiarization with these strategies will assist our region in strengthening our own capabilities here at home. The wide range of topics covered during the 60-hour program will arm the above attendees with a number of lessons that can be translated and reapplied to the (YOUR TOWN/AREA) region.

Please find enclosed program contact information, detailed sample program agenda as well as a detailed cost breakdown. In anticipation of your concurrence, (YOUR NAME) of (YOUR AGENCY) will be able to
provide additional information should you have any questions. (YOUR NAME) can be reached at (YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION).

Sincerely,

(SENIOR MANAGEMENT PERSON, IE: CITY MAYOR/POLICE CHIEF/FIRE CHIEF/SENIOR OFFICIAL)
(TITLE/POSITION)
(AGENCY)

ATTACHMENTS (FOR SAMPLE LETTER STEP 3)

SECTION I: Course Information

Course Name: ________________________________________________
Location/Dates: _____________________________________________
Training Provider: Security Solutions International
Address: 13155 SW 134th St, Ste. 104
           Miami, FL 33186
Contact: Henry Morgenstern
Tel: (786) 573-3999 x101
Fax: (786) 573-2090
Email: info@homelandsecurityssi.com
Website: www.homelandsecurityssi.com

SECTION II: Agenda

Below is a sample itinerary for the program. Please note that agenda is subject to change due to security considerations, availability and weather conditions.

Day 1 – Friday
Depart Newark on the Night flight to Tel Aviv leaving Newark at around 11pm, non-stop and arrive in Israel at around 4pm THE NEXT DAY.

Day 2 – Saturday
Arrival in Israel at Ben Gurion Airport.
19:00 – Check in and arrival at Hotel
19:30 – Dinner at the Hotel. Henry Morgenstern will go over some highlights and tips for the coming week.

Day 3 – Sunday
09:00 – Hezbollah presents one of the key threats to the USA and this journey through the northern border will explore that threat. There will be stops at notable points on route. You will gain valuable know-how from a real expert on the terrorist situation on the
Northern border while seeing some of Israel's most memorable natural scenery – in the Galilee Mountain Range.
We will be also visiting the site of the Ma'a lot massacre which in 1974 changed forever the way Israel responded to terrorist attacks after losing 22 children and many adults in the hostage rescue attempt.
12:00– Lunch on the Northern Border
14.30 – 17:00 Visit to one of the key Hospitals in the North, Nahariya Hospital and find out how they handle casualties under missile threat, respond to terror incidents and mass casualty events.
17:00 – Return to Haifa
19:00 - Dinner at the Hotel
20:00 – 21:00 Lecture by Henry Morgenstern on the basics of the Israeli security concept (optional attendance).

Day 4 - Monday
8.00 – Check out of Hotel
09:30 – 11:30 Visit the National Israel Police Museum. The Israel National Police handles special challenges related to terrorism. In this special guided visit, learn about how the Israel National Police have responded to the threats. This is also the Israel National Police Academy
12:30 – Lunch –Special visit to a Druze village near Haifa
15:00 – 16:30 The YAMAM is the elite counter terror unit of the Israeli Police. The unit is a 24/7 readiness unit that is more paramilitary in nature than most units in the West. Learn about this legendary unit from one of its members, Moshe Ben Shalom, also a SSI SWAT trainer. Moshe will bring experience from "head to head" encounters.
19:00 – Check in to Hotel in Tel Aviv
19:30 – Dinner at Mike's Place – On April 30th 2003 a suicide bomber approached Mike's place, a popular jazz and American style bar on the Tel Aviv Beach. The bomber, who came from Britain, was prevented from entering the establishment by courageous Avi Tabib (survived) the Security guard. However, 29 year old Dominique Haas, Ran Baron 23 and Yanai Weiss 46 were killed. The bombers were given the bombs in Israel by HAMAS. The accomplice that got away was found floating in the water, apparently drowned as he attempted to escape.

Day 5 - Tuesday
8:30 – 12:00 Visit the secret Homeland Security simulator at the Home Front Command south of Tel Aviv. We will learn now Israel prepares itself for a number of scenarios and receive an explanation of the Home Front Commands' duties during times of emergency.
12:00 – 13:00 Lunch on the way
13:00 – Continue on to Sderot, a small town in Israel's southern region where, since Israel withdrew its Army from the Gaza strip, this town has been under continuous improvised rocket attack from Palestinian Terrorists in Gaza and still is! Receive a briefing on the situation from the authorities and view the way people have had to adapt their lives to live with a continuous terror threat.
19:30 – Dinner at the Hotel
Day 6 - Wednesday
9 - 17:00 Protecting sensitive installations. Spend the day at the busy Metropolitan Hotel. Learn the principles of properly defending an institution or sensitive installation. Red team the Hotel's security in a full day exercise in counter terrorism taught by one of Bar Ilan' University's instructors.
13:00 Lunch at the Metropolitan Hotel
Afternoon is a full scale exercise session conducted in and around the Hotel.
19:00 Last night in Tel Aviv – dinner out

Day 7 – Thursday
8:15 – 10:00 Check out of Hotel and travel to Jerusalem
10:00 – 13:00 Start at Gilo, under attack during second intifada; drive to the checkpoint into Bethlehem; see how Israel has protected one its holiest sites, Rachel's Tomb: Visit the new Jewish neighborhood of Har Homa; drive through the Arab neighborhood of Sur Baher to east Talpiot; pass UN Headquarters--Armon Hanatziv; Goldman promenade view over the Temple Mount; view over the Temple Mount from the 7 Arches Hotel on top of the Mt of Olives; head to Mt Scopus for a view over E-1 area; drive north to Tel Ful, King Hussein's unfinished summer palace to look over the northern city borders with Ramallah. Pass along the security barrier to understand the proximity of Pisgat Zev and Beit Hanina, return via Mandelbaum Gate area.
13:00 – 14:00 Guests of the Ministry of Tourism for lunch
14:00 – 17:00 Old City – A most memorable visit to Jesus' Jerusalem and see the Church of the Holy Sepulcher (Golgotha) and see the sites on the way from there to the Wailing Wall, all accompanied by a professional guide that will show you the most interesting parts of 5000 years of history.
18:00 – 20:00 Dinner - Completion of training. Certificates

Day 8 – Friday
Optional tour to the Fortress of Massada, Dead Sea – lowest point on earth.
According to Josephus, a 1st-century Jewish Roman historian, Herod the Great fortified Masada between 37 and 31 BCE as a refuge for himself in the event of a revolt. In 66 CE, at the beginning of the First Jewish-Roman War against the Roman Empire, a group of Jews, refusing to surrender, called the Sicarii, overcame the Roman garrison of Masada. After the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 CE, additional members of the Sicarii and numerous Jewish families fled Jerusalem and settled on the mountaintop, using it as a base for harassing the Romans and for Heroic resistance to the Roman Army. It was here that they decided not to surrender but to commit mass suicide. As such, this has become a symbol for Israel's strength and spirit.

Day 9
Departure to USA from Jerusalem—Assembly times to be announced. The Tel Aviv Ben Gurion Airport is almost the same distance from Jerusalem as it is from Tel Aviv.

SECTION III: Cost Breakdown (per person)
Attending SSI's Advanced Homeland Security Training in Israel will be (# OF ATTENDEES) representatives from (YOUR AGENCY). The following is the individual cost breakdown for participation in the program.

A. Registration/Tuition Fees $2,425  
B. Hotel/Lodging (7 nights) $ 500  
C. Meals/Per Diem (7 days) $ 175  
D. The Strategic Role of Golan* $ 120  
Total cost per person: $3,220*including optional tour