TACTICAL DIVISION

SWAT

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An open letter:

This letter is being written in light of recent occurrences in Brazil that have attracted our attention here in the USA.

We understand and commiserate with those involved in the unfortunate event(s) that occurred in Sao Paulo the 2nd week of October 2008. This is neither the forum nor time to critique or comment on that operation. Respectfully, we do want to provide input on the reaction to the comments and critique made by Marcos Do Val, of CATI Brazil.

We have worked with Marcos Do Val for close to 9 years in various venues.
As a reminder, Marcos has put much effort toward training police officers globally, particularly, in Brazil.

Marcos is a proud and fervent Brazilian. He has dedicated his life to bringing the best instructors to help train and educate fellow Brazilian police officers; much of this at a cost to him both personally and financially. You are lucky to have such a dedicated person that supports Brazil with such commitment.

In addition, Mr. Do Val has been living in the United States of America to further educate himself with many of the best trained SWAT officers. Much of this time with Texas based SWAT teams. He participates in real SWAT operations with some teams, has progressed and become an instructor for the Texas Tactical Police Officers Association (TTPOA), Dallas, Beaumont, Irving and Austin SWAT teams as well as many others. As a result, Marcos is the South American representative to the TTPOA.

Along with his techniques, Marcos has previously assisted in Basic SWAT schools that teach tactics to new SWAT officers. He will also assist in instruction for our advanced SWAT school being held in Dallas in November 2008. This school teaches advanced tactics that include dynamic entries, hostage rescue, tactical rappelling and CQB. Marcos has been a mentor, friend and confidant to many of us here in Texas. We are proud that he has been such a shining example of what “honor” means among men.

The Dallas SWAT officers are proud of Marcos do Val and our Brazilian police officer friends. You have become our home away from home.

In closing, you have a national resource in Marcos Do Val and like all natural resources; they should be utilized and not abused.

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