



enforcement groups world-wide, acquiring an educational training base that you literally could not buy. This training continued as he moved onto the Orange County Sheriff's department in a dignitary protection detail. Right after 9/11, he became a Federal Air Marshal, finally leaving that service to pursue his personal mission of bringing his Reality-Based methods of combatives to the civilian world.

Jim Wagner's approach to the blade can be learned from his many video programs and books.

That is quite an impresive background.

I haven't had the chance to train with Jim, but I've seen some of his videos and I am impressed. He clearly knows his stuff, and he's articulate. His system is as bare-bones, no-fluff, get-it-done-now as you can get. His videos are of high production quality, and they snap right along—no endless repetition or unorganized stream-ofconsciousness talking, which

are the bane of so many video productions. His Knife Survival tape will introduce you to his approach to the combative/self-defense knife. Which brings us to...

## The Reality-Based Knife

The Jim Wagner Reality-Based Blade is a folding knife made by Boker, which is also sponsoring Jim's seminar tours of Europe. In Jim's words, this knife "looks like what it's

There is a little "hook" at the front edge of the serrated Kris curve, designed for ripping. The finger grooves on the Wagner knife are textured for enhanced grip, while the thumb groove is smooth to aid opening disk acquisition.