

# GORDON BURROWS

Weapons Coach · Armorer · Technical Advisor

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## Professional Summary

U.S. Army Veteran, former Police Officer, and seasoned armorer with extensive international deployment experience and more than a decade training military, law enforcement, and film-industry personnel. As a Lead Instructor and Armorer for Centre Firearms Co., Inc., and founder of Take One Tactical — offering performance-focused weapons training, on-set armorer services, and tactical advising for film & television productions. Trusted for meticulous safety standards, authentic weapons handling, and translating real-world tactics into camera-ready performance.

## Selected Roles

**As a Lead Instructor and Armorer** – Centre Firearms Co., Inc. (2018–Present)

Deliver operator and armorer courses, oversee weapons maintenance, curricula, logistics, and international training programs.

**Founder / Lead Instructor** – Take One Tactical, LLC (Ongoing)

Provide firearms coaching, technical advising, and on-set armorer services for film productions; design role-specific actor bootcamps; advise directors and production teams on tactical authenticity and safety.

**Film Armorer** – The Specialists LTD (2018–Present)

Serve as an on-set armorer for major productions, ensuring weapons safety and authenticity across film and television projects. Collaborate with directors, prop masters, and stunt teams to choreograph firearms use for camera while maintaining strict industry safety standards.

## Film & Television Services

- On-set armorer and weapons safety supervision
- Weapons choreography and combat staging for camera
- Actor and stunt performer firearms coaching
- Technical advising for directors and prop departments
- Risk assessments and safety coordination
- Equipment audits and blank/ammunition management

## Key Qualifications & Certifications

- NRA Certified Instructor (Pistol Safety, Operation & Marksmanship; Range Safety Officer)
- Manufacturer Armorer Training: McMillan TAC-50, Armalite, Surgeon Rifles, Glock, Zastava, PTR
- Over 10 years overseas training and operational deployments
- Instructor/Armorer with 20 years experience

## Weapons expert on all types of weapons to include

- Rifles: Dragunov, SKS, AK47/RPK, Mauser, Enfield, FAL, SVT, G3, VZ58, Galil
- Machine Guns: NSV, KPV, DSHK, RPD, PKM, SG43, M53
- Submachine Guns: MP40, Sten, Uzi, PPSH-41, MP5, Sterling, PPS-43, Skorpion
- Pistols: Makarov, Tokarev, Hi-Power, Beretta 951, Glock
- Grenade Launchers: RPG family, AGS-17, GP25/30

## Deployments & Overseas Experience

- Korean DMZ 1990–1991
- Kosovo 2000–2003 / 2005–2007
- Afghanistan 2004–2005 / 2009–2011
- Iraq 2007–2008
- Nepal 2012–2013
- Togo 2013–2014
- Burkina Faso 2014
- Zambia 2016–2017
- Liberia 2017

## Media & Recognition

- Featured in The Atlanta Journal-Constitution: “Inside Georgia’s Film Industry – Striving for Safety on Film Sets”
- Recognized in Atlanta’s film community as a trusted firearms authenticity and safety expert