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FIELD AWARENESS TRAINING SYSTEM (FATS)

A structured Approach to perception, Movement, and
Decision-Making in Complex Environments

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About SecureLeb Development Division (SDD)

SecureLeb Development Division (SDD) provides practical, field-based training designed for professionals operating in sensitive, complex, or unfamiliar environments.

SDD focuses on perception, movement, human behavior, and real-world field dynamics. Its training is built from lived experience, refined through disciplined practice, and structured to support safe, clear, and effective decision-making in dynamic contexts.

The SDD approach emphasizes early recognition of risk, controlled behavior, and alignment with the environment — enabling individuals and teams to operate with clarity and confidence under uncertainty.

About the Author

Ali Abdallah is a Field Awareness & Movement Strategy Specialist with extensive experience supporting journalists, NGO teams, researchers, and international professionals operating in complex environments across Lebanon.

His work focuses on perception, movement logic, human terrain awareness, and decision-making under uncertainty. Drawing on direct field experience, he developed the Field Awareness Training System (FATS) as a structured approach to strengthen clarity, reduce exposure, and improve operational behavior in dynamic environments.

His approach bridges real-world experience with structured methodology, providing a practical framework for understanding and navigating complexity.

What is FATS

FATS (Field Awareness Training System) is a structured training framework designed to help professionals operate safely and effectively in complex, unfamiliar, or high-risk environments.

It focuses on developing practical skills in:

- perception
- movement
- interaction
- decision-making

FATS is built on real field experience and translates it into clear, applicable methods that reduce risk and improve operational clarity.

Why FATS Exists

Professionals working in dynamic environments often face risk that develops before it becomes visible.

Most training focuses on reaction.

FATS focuses on early recognition and controlled behavior.

It was created to address a gap:

- between theory and real field conditions
- between knowledge and actual decision-making
- between awareness and action

FATS provides a structured way to understand environments, reduce exposure, and operate with clarity.

Core Philosophy

FATS is built on a simple foundation:

- Clarity before action
- Calmness under pressure
- Controlled movement
- Early recognition of risk

Field awareness is not a concept.

It is a discipline built through observation, behavior, and consistent decision-making.

System Structure

FATS is organized into three progressive phases:

PHASE 1 — FOUNDATIONS

Focus: See → Prepare → Understand

- **Course 1 — Field Intelligence Foundations**

Role: How to see and perceive correctly

- **Course 2 — Pre-Deployment Orientation**

Role: How to prepare before entering the field

- **Course 3 — Urban Risk Navigation**

Role: How to understand where risk exists before movement

This phase develops the ability to observe clearly, prepare effectively, and understand how risk is structured in the environment.

It builds the foundation for decision-making before exposure begins.

PHASE 2 — FIELD MOVEMENT & OPERATIONS

Focus: Move → Interact → Operate

- **Course 4 — Movement, Positioning & Route Logic**

Role: How to move safely and reduce exposure

- **Course 5 — Human Behavior & Field Interaction**

Role: How to interact without creating risk

- **Course 6 — Field Operations & Engagement**

Role: How to operate and manage field engagement safely

This phase focuses on controlled movement, safe interaction, and structured field execution in dynamic environments.

It emphasizes reducing exposure while maintaining operational clarity.

PHASE 3 — ADVANCED & LONG-TERM READINESS

Focus: Anticipate → Adapt → Sustain

- **Course 7 — Advanced Field Intelligence**

Role: How to anticipate, detect patterns, and predict

- **Course 8 — NGO & Long-Term Field Readiness**

Role: How to stay safe and stable over time

This phase strengthens the ability to anticipate change, adapt to evolving conditions, and maintain stability over time.

It supports long-term presence through disciplined behavior and continuous awareness.

How the System Works

FATS follows a clear progression:

- **Phase 1** builds perception and understanding
- **Phase 2** develops movement, interaction, and execution
- **Phase 3** strengthens anticipation and long-term stability

Each phase builds on the previous one.

Participants move from:

observing environments

→ to acting within them

→ to anticipating and managing complexity over time

Who This Training Is For

FATS is designed for professionals operating in real-world environments, including:

- Journalists and correspondents
- NGO and humanitarian teams
- Researchers and analysts
- Expats and international staff
- Field teams working in unfamiliar environments

Application Formats

FATS can be delivered through:

- 2-day intensive training
- 3-day extended training
- Modular course delivery (based on specific needs)

The system is adaptable depending on context, audience, and operational requirements.

Closing Statement

Field awareness is not about reacting to risk.

It is about recognizing it early,
understanding it clearly,

and adjusting behavior before it becomes a problem.

FATS provides the structure to do that —
through discipline, clarity, and controlled action.

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About SecureLeb Development Division (SDD)

SecureLeb Development Division provides field-awareness training and advisory support for journalists, humanitarian actors, expatriates, and professionals operating in complex or dynamic environments.

All materials are built on real-world experience and are designed to support clear perception, controlled movement, and decision-making under uncertainty.

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Ali Abdallah is a Field Awareness Doctrine & Movement Strategy Specialist with over two decades of exposure and operational experience supporting journalists, humanitarian actors, and professionals operating in sensitive environments across Lebanon.

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