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Gregory Tony Bio:

Grew up in the crime-ridden street of Philadelphia's inner city. As a young teenager Greg had dreams and aspirations of being a police officer. When drugs and violent crime were consuming the majority of his peers, Greg took to sports to find an escape. He excelled in football, baseball, and wrestling which afforded him the opportunity to attend Florida State University and become a member of the football team. Greg sought this challenge to become part of one of the most competitive football teams in the country, turning down scholarship offers from several Pennsylvania Colleges. In 2000 he walked-on to the defending National Championship FSU Football team and earned a starting position on special teams and later as the first team fullback. While a member of the Florida State football team, Greg was a part of ACC Conference Championship and competed in a National Championship game.

After the events of 9/11...Greg voluntarily turned down a chance to be a starting fullback for a chance to enter public service. Coach Bobby Bowden once stated in his letter of recommendation that *"I've always said that the hottest fires yield the strongest steel, and if you want a guy with the tenacity of a bulldog...you want Greg Tony."*

In 2005 Greg started his law enforcement career at the Coral Springs Police Department and immediately excelled. During at his time at the Police Department, Greg was a member of the Vice, Intelligence, and Narcotics division, an operator on the SWAT team, the street crimes unit, the burglary unit, served as a high liability instructor and was the first African American Sergeant in the departments history. He also became the Coral Springs Police Department's first nationally certified active shooter threat and tactical medical instructor. Throughout his law enforcement career, Greg was awarded over 15 Commendations and Awards for exceptional service and one of the department's highest honors – The Meritorious Award. Serving under former Coral Springs Police Departments Chief Anthony Pustizzi, Greg was hand picked to develop active shooter response measures that were utilized by officer to help save the lives of students during the Marjory Stoneman Douglas shooting massacre.

Seeing a gap in the first responder response to critical incidents, Greg's love towards the development of proper Active Shooter Response and putting in measure to help immediate responders to these incidents survive, Greg retired from Coral Springs in 2016 to start a company doing just that. Since that time, Greg's company, Blue Spear Solutions, has been one of the nations leaders in Active Shooter and Bleeding Control Technique training, being instrumental in the understanding and implementing best practices to minimize the effect of these horrific incidents.