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Tommy Waller is Director of Infrastructure Security at the Center for Security Policy. Tommy comes to the Center with more than 18 years an Infantry Officer and Expeditionary Ground Reconnaissance Officer in the Marine Corps and service spanning multiple deployments to Afghanistan, Iraq, Africa, and South America. His assignments have ranged from conducting basic infantry operations, special operations and reconnaissance in combat environments to assignments in staff planning, logistics, training support and professional instruction. His formal education includes numerous military schools and colleges, a bachelor's degree in International Relations from Tulane University and executive education in high stakes negotiation from the Wharton School.

As Director of Infrastructure Security, Tommy performs a wide range of duties for the Center for Security Policy. These duties include educating policymakers at the federal level in all branches of government and working daily with renowned national security experts to help provide those policymakers an unconstrained analysis of the current threat environment along with workable policy solutions to address these threats. At a time when some state-level policymakers might falsely assume that “national security is a federal concern,” Tommy also helps state and local-level officials realize that they too have a valuable stake in shaping policy so that it enhances and reinforces our national security.

In late 2014 Tommy was recruited as the youngest member of The Center for Security Policy's “Tiger Team” to use President Reagan's National Security Decision Directive 75 (a formerly Top Secret document containing his strategy to defeat Soviet communism) as the basis for which to craft a workable strategy for

the United States to defeat its current global, ideologically driven, enemy: the Global Jihad Movement. Along with fifteen other well respected national security experts, Tommy helped draft the [Secure Freedom Strategy](#). He now works diligently to educate state and national level policymakers as well as law enforcement on the nation's grave national security threats and some of the methods to defend against these threats, notably The Secure Freedom Strategy.

One of the most urgent areas of concern for the Center is the vulnerability of the U.S. Electric Grid. Because the effects of a pro-longed power outage could be catastrophic to our nation, The Center sponsors the Secure the Grid Coalition – a group of the country's top-level experts on threats to the grid and how these threats must be mitigated. The Secure the Grid Coalition is co-chaired by former House Speaker Newt Gingrich and President Clinton's Director of Central Intelligence, R. James Woolsey. Frank Gaffney, the founder and president of the Center for Security Policy, has directed Tommy Waller to manage the day to day operations of the Secure the Grid Coalition.

The Center recently compiled the findings of eleven federal studies acknowledging the extraordinary vulnerability of the nation's electrical power grid and published this information in: [Guilty Knowledge: What the US Government Knows About the Vulnerability of the Electric Grid, But Refuses to Fix](#). This resource and many others can be found at the Secure the Grid Coalition Website. For those wanting to learn more about threats to the U.S. Electric Grid, Tommy authored a self-tutorial on this topic, which can be found at the link below. Be sure to click on the "video" icons and "mouse click" icons to "deep dive" into the information on each slide. <http://securethegrid.com/vulnerability/>