Ohio High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area

2020 Training Schedule

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“The mission of the Training Initiative is to improve the ability of the Ohio HIDTA to counter drug trafficking. Selective training opportunities, provided in support of HIDTA initiatives and law enforcement agencies within the HIDTA, will contribute directly toward accomplishing this objective. This will be achieved by providing timely, relevant training that will enhance the knowledge, skills and performance of all participating Ohio HIDTA law enforcement and support personnel.”

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COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Cell Phone Use in Drug Trafficking Investigations

This course is a detailed introduction to how cell phone data can be used by investigators to enhance drug trafficking investigation. Instruction will cover use of historical communication data (records), real-time surveillance options, physical cell phone forensics considerations, and solutions that all law enforcement personnel should know. Legal issues about how to obtain and use this data will be covered as well as surveillance operations considerations, company-specific considerations, courtroom presentation issues, and other related matters. At the end of this course, students will have a very thorough understanding of what is possible with communication data in narcotics investigations, the several primary categories of available data, and how to determine the servicing companies for communications devices and accounts.

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:
1. Describe the primary categories of data that are available from cell phones, including:
   a. Retrievable data from physical devices, such as cell phones, using forensic techniques.
   b. Activation, subscriber, and payment information.
   c. Communication/call detail records with and without geographic information.
   d. Law enforcement surveillance data from cell phones, such as traps and traces, pen registers Communications Assistance to Law Enforcement Act (CALEA) delivery, field device locations, “target development,” and communications intercept (aka “wiretaps”).
2. Determine the company that services a phone number, and Internet Protocol (IP) address, e-mail address, and web address.
3. Determine which provider company to contact.
4. Determine how to contact a specific provider company.
5. List the primary categories of legal demands that are used to lawfully obtain data and authorize surveillances, including customer consent, emergency legal demands, subpoenas, court orders, and search warrants.
6. Describe the primary tools that may be used to map cell phone geographic data such as Microsoft Streets and Trips and Iconico’s Screen Protractor software.

Course Dates & Times: (2 days) February 19 - 20, 2020
8:00 am – 4:00 pm Independence Civic Center
6363 Selig Drive
Independence, OH 44131
**Parcel Interdiction**

Both narcotics and narcotics proceeds are shipped through private small package services in enormous quantities. In addition to proper investigative techniques, cooperation and assistance from these companies’ security departments are essential to law enforcement success.

The following topics will be covered during the course:

- Understanding the mission of a parcel interdiction program
- How to initiate a parcel interdiction program
- Cooperation with parcel company management and staff
- Indicators and characteristics utilized by drug traffickers using parcels to traffic in drugs and currency
- Parcel drug smuggling trends
- Officer safety
- Case law

**Course Date & Times:** (1 day) February 25, 2020
8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Independence Civic Center
6363 Selig Drive
Independence, OH 44131

**Overdose Death Investigations**

Drug-related overdose cases are increasing at an alarming rate across the United States. From the heroin epidemic to the fentanyl crisis, communities are experiencing the deadly effects of illicit drugs. Unfortunately, criminals that often supply the drugs that cause the overdoses, often evade prosecution. One of the primary challenges for law enforcement officers assigned to conduct overdose death investigations is the lack of cooperation from witnesses and/or the victim if he or she is not deceased. As a result, the cases are rarely prosecuted. This training course is designed to equip law enforcement officers with the tools necessary to successfully conduct and prosecute and drug-related overdose cases.

**Topics Covered:**

- Opioid Crisis
- Primary Drugs Causing Overdoses
- Federal Drug Conspiracy Laws
- Toxicology Overview
- Processing/Securing the Crime Scene
- Challenges/Interviews/Lack of Cooperation
- Proactive Investigations

**Course Dates & Times:** (2 days) March 4 - 5, 2020
8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Ohio BCI
750 N. College Drive
Bowling Green, OH 43402
Gathering Intelligence for Tactical Investigations through Online Services

The internet provides investigators with the ability to ascertain information on subjects efficiently. Focusing on the individual(s) is not always the answer. Identifying actionable intelligence is an extremely important aspect in research to assist in the identification, movement, business associations, relatives, addresses / telephone numbers of individuals. Additionally, correct searches of social media platforms can assist in identifying suspects and witnesses in an investigation. In this class, you will learn how to utilize correct search patterns and open sources for social media platforms. Hashtag conversations can be followed - even over different social media platforms. This class will assist in learning the inside knowledge and approaches successful investigators gather from Open Source Intelligence.

Course Date & Time: (1 day) March 10, 2020
8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Youngstown State University
Kilcawley Center
One University Plaza
Youngstown, OH  44555

Understanding Investigative Techniques for Modern Telecommunications

This three day course is designed to provide investigators with an understanding of modern telecommunications, with an emphasis on developing the basic skills necessary to identify, understand and geospatially illustrate Call Detail Records and Cell Tower Data points.

- Students will be introduced to topics such as:
- Fundamentals of Telephony
- Overview of Wi-Wi Technology
- Introduction to Packet Data Communications
- Data Pen Register / Packet Data Report Examples / Demo RIPT Tool
- Carrier Specific Call Detail Record Analysis using MS Excel
- Carrier Specific geospatial mapping using MapPoint
- Cell site analysis

Course Dates & Times: (3 days) March 10 - 12, 2020
8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Ohio HIDTA
984 Keynote Circle
Brooklyn Heights, OH 44131

Courtroom Testimony in Narcotics Cases

This course is designed to improve your skills in testimony, to increase your awareness of the court system processes, and guide you to better understand your important role which will increase your ability to be successful. One of the most important tools often overlooked during
the training cycle of law enforcement officers throughout their careers is how to win in court. Those involved with investigative and enforcement activities should be aware that successful law enforcement initiatives do not end at the conclusion of an investigation, arrest, and/or issuance of a traffic citation. In fact, the investigation, arrest, or citation is only the beginning stage of many, in what appears to be a never-ending legal process. It is only at the end of this entire process that includes and encompasses the totality of the prosecution, defense, and trial phase of a case that results in a conclusion for the officers involved.

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:
1. Demonstrate testimony skills in narcotics investigations.
2. Display an increased knowledge and awareness of the court process.
3. Exhibit the understanding of language pragmatics during cross examination.
4. Recognize the anticipation of defense strategies and tactics.
5. Describe the importance of narcotics evidence and preparation prior to trial for its presentation.
6. Demonstrate knowledge of the importance of proper narcotics and its relevance during testimony.
7. Exhibit the understanding of the necessity of pre-criminal trial preparation relationship with the prosecutor.
8. List civil litigation awareness, preparation, and testimony strategies.
9. Display an understanding of how to minimize testimony pitfalls.
10. Describe basic common definitions for testimony validity.

Course Dates & Times: March 25 - 26, 2020
(2 days)
8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Independence Civic Center
6363 Selig Drive
Independence, OH 44131

Asset Forfeiture

Asset forfeiture is a very powerful tool used by law enforcement agencies, including those at the Federal, State and Local level, against criminals and criminal organizations to deprive them of their ill-gotten gains through seizure of these assets. This course is designed to assist agents and their legal advisers on the critical steps of their initial investigation and during the litigation process to ensure a successful forfeiture and final award to their agency. Topics that will be covered are how to provide a functional understanding of the seizure process, procedures, and tools used to identify and forfeit illicitly gained assets. Other topics will include civil vs criminal investigations, best practices, working with the forfeiture prosecutor, legal requirements, how to write a seizure warrant, time limits, asset management, and asset sharing.

Course Date & Times: March 30, 2020
(1 day)
8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Independence Civic Center
6363 Selig Drive
Independence, OH 44131
Dangerous Drug Lab Recognition

Over the past few years, patrol officers and narcotic investigators have faced a litany of new and challenging obstacles to combat the war on drugs. Although meth labs have been steadily decreasing across the United States, there has been an increase in several types of dangerous micro labs to include Fentanyl, Butane Hash Oil, and Liquid Meth conversation labs. In 2017, the fentanyl claimed the lives of nearly thousands of people. Law enforcement officers have a daunting task when confronted with a micro drug lab involving the manufacturing of fentanyl. From minor skin contact to inhalation, fentanyl can be lethal in the smallest of quantities. Detailed information will be presented on indicators of common types of fentanyl labs to include pill presses. Safety equipment will be provided to equip officers better to deal with a fentanyl micro lab.

Butane Hash Oil (BHO) labs have become increasingly popular across the United States for individuals involved in the illegal distribution of drugs to include “dabs.” Butane is highly flammable and can explode if not handled properly. Patrol officers have the highest probability of encountering a BHO lab, but often have the least amount of protection. Detailed information will be presented on the recognition of a BHO lab and the proper safety equipment needed to process a BHO lab. With the influx of crystal methamphetamine from Mexico, clandestine meth labs have decreased in many areas of the United States. However, micro meth labs like the one-pot method are still surfacing in parts of the U.S. as well as liquid meth conversion labs. Detailed information will be presented on the recognition of a micro meth lab and the proper safety equipment needed to process the lab. With micro labs popping up across the country on a regular basis, patrol officers and investigators need to equip themselves with the knowledge of what the dangers are, how to recognize them, and, most importantly, how to mitigate the threat.

This two-day course will be a comprehensive approach to identifying, containing, and processing Fentanyl, BHO, and Meth Labs safely and effectively. Practical scenarios will also be conducted to demonstrate how to process the labs properly.

Topics Covered:
- Current Micro Lab Trends
- Indicators of Fentanyl, BHO, & Meth Micro Labs
- Identifying Cutting Agents Used in Common Micro Labs
- Analyze Chemistry Involved in Manufacturing Fentanyl, BHO, and Meth
- Dangers of Processing Fentanyl, BHO, & Meth Micro Labs
- Evaluate Current Evidence Handling Procedures for Micro Labs
- Proper Protective Equipment
- Simulated Micro Lab Cook
- Case Studies
Drug Interdiction & Conducting the Complete Traffic Stop

This two-day course provides an in-depth look at the latest criminal patrol techniques being utilized by successful interdiction units. Students will be able to recognize potential criminal indicators and what these indicators could mean. The course will encompass the professional roadside interview and officer safety issues. Furthermore, staff will showcase the latest concealment methods used by drug trafficking organizations. Students will walk through each step, from the initial traffic stop to the post-seizure arrest.

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:
1. Describe the relationship between increased traffic enforcement and reduction of drug trafficking.
2. Describe several case studies to show how traffic enforcement reduces drug trafficking.
3. Identify certain indicators of criminal activity and their meaning.
4. Describe reasons and justifications for traffic stops.
5. Describe and understand pre-textual stops.
6. Describe types of searches.
7. Describe techniques for the officer to use at the stop.
8. Demonstrate a working knowledge and understanding of some of the imaginative areas criminals use to conceal illegal narcotics.
9. Describe how to safely access these compartments in various vehicles.
10. Identify ways to minimize risks from traffic conditions at the stop.
11. Identify ways to safely interact with the vehicle occupants while making a traffic stop.
12. Identify the importance of a “passenger side approach.”
13. Identify safety procedures to consider while conducting searches of vehicles.

Open Source Intelligence

This course is designed for criminal intelligence analysts, special agents, and other investigators. Students with any level of familiarity with the Internet and computers, from beginning to advanced, will find this course beneficial. The program gives students an up-to-date understanding of how social networking sites work and how members act and interact. Student will learn what information is available on various sites and how to integrate that information
into criminal investigations and criminal intelligence analysis. Too often, investigators and analysts overlook or underutilize these valuable resources. Social networking sites are virtual communities. As in any large community, criminal organizations, fraud, violent crime, and victimization exist. Investigators need to understand these communities along with the tools, tricks, and techniques to prevent, track, and solve crimes.

**Upon successful completion of the course, students will learn about:**

1. OSINT and Criminal Investigations.
3. Open Source Intelligence (OSINT) Collection Tools: Creating an Inexpensive OSINT Toolbox.
4. EXIF Tags and Geolocation of Devices for Investigations and Operational Security.
5. Online Undercover Operations: Observation and Infiltration.
7. What Investigators Need to Know about Emerging Technologies Used to Hide on the Internet.
8. Proxies, VPNs, Tor, Onion Routers, Deepnet, and Darknet: A Deep Dive for Criminal Investigators.

**Course Dates & Times:** (3 days) April 15 - 17, 2020 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Independence Civic Center 6363 Selig Drive Independence, OH 44131

**Basic Narcotics Investigator**

This course provides students with an overview of the narcotics investigation process. Topics will include most current constitutional drug law, commonly abused drugs, confidential informants and sources, investigative strategies, undercover operations, marijuana grow operations, clandestine methamphetamine labs, evidence collection and admissibility, searches, children living in dangerous drug environments, and liability issues. This course will be accomplished entirely in the classroom. This course is also directed towards the officer with limited or no experience for narcotics investigation.

**Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:**

1. List and identify the most commonly abused drugs and their origin, street value, manufacture, packaging, and smuggling.
2. Describe development, use, and control of confidential informants and confidential sources.
3. Identify seizable assets.
4. List and describe various investigative strategies to include controlled buys, hand-to-hand buys, surveillance, conspiracy, and domestic interdiction.
5. Describe undercover operation planning, operation, risks involved, legal issues, and reporting and documentation.
6. Describe marijuana growing operations, methods, and indicators.
7. Describe clandestine lab operations, methods, and indicators.
8. List and describe aspects of evidence collection and admissibility in court.
9. Describe procedures and legal issues concerning searches.
10. Give a brief overview of agency and taskforce relationships.
11. Describe the role of law enforcement in dealing with children living in dangerous drug environments.
12. List and describe liability and ethics issues relating to narcotics investigations.

Course Dates & Times: (5 days) 
8:00 am – 4:00 pm
April 20 - 24, 2020
Allegheny Police Training Academy
700 West Ridge Drive
Allison Park, PA 15101

Title III Wiretap Investigations

Attendees will be exposed to Title III wire-tap investigations from initiation through prosecution. Class environment will consist of complex conspiracy case analysis and other proprietary investigative techniques. This course is designed to afford law enforcement the ability to actively pursue Wire-tap (Title III) investigatory methods in pursuit of criminal targets. Primary focus will be narcotics traffickers (foreign and US based) and bulk currency smuggling.

Attendees will be exposed to the following aspects of Title III investigations:

- Target identification
- Target telephone analysis
- Needs vs. Wants
- Funding
- English Vs. Foreign
- Man (people) power
- Affidavit preparation
- Equipment needs
- Prosecutorial requirements
- Case analysis

Course Dates & Times: (2 days)
8:00 am – 4:00 pm
April 27 - 28, 2020
Independence Civic Center
6363 Selig Drive
Independence, OH 44131
Improving Police & Community Relations

Police and community relations will only improve with up-to-date training dealing with issues head-on. This one-day course will help officers identify and understand the problem, communicate more effectively with citizens, ensure compliance with federal & state laws, prepare for hostile encounters, and continue to engage in proactive policing without jeopardizing their safety. This course is not designed to create an atmosphere of passive or reactive policing. When that approach is taken, the criminals win and wreak havoc in the community. In addition, it creates a more dangerous environment for police officers.

One of the most impactful steps to influencing change and promoting positive relations in a community is hiring the right officers, and diversity is the key. It’s no secret that law enforcement is facing significant problems nationwide with interest in the profession. This block of instruction will include strategies to initiate recruitment from a more diversity seeking-approach, and citizen programs that help promote positive relations within the community.

Proven strategies to improve police and community relations across the country will be presented. The primary focus of this training is bridging the gap between law enforcement and the communities they serve while maintaining smart, aggressive strategies to deal with those that choose to violate the law.

Course Date & Times: (1 day ) May 4, 2020
8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Cambridge Police Department
814 Wheeling Avenue
Cambridge, OH 43725

Undercover Operations & Plainclothes Safety

This 8-hour course will provide an overview on the preparation of an undercover and plainclothes operator and the planning of an undercover operation from street level to major investigations.

This course is designed for plainclothes officers, detectives, agents, task force officers, and uniformed patrol officers assigned to specialized units who investigate and who are involved in special unit enforcement cases. Stress will be placed on the plainclothes officer’s role, background and training, and equipment. The instructor will also emphasize the operational concerns and “RED FLAGS” circumstances before during, and after an undercover and plainclothes operation and specialized unit detail.

The overall objective of the class is to discuss and promote undercover officer and plainclothes officer SAFETY in all roles related to those assigned to participate and be involved in undercover and specialized operations. The instructor will also provide an overview of several
undercover case studies. Specific training points and takeaways of each case or “best practice” examples will be emphasized for the student to apply in the field.

**CLASS TOPICS:**
- Undercover Role and Background
- Equipment Preparation and Overview
- Operational Plans – Preparing and Planning
- Familiar with "Red Flags" and Operational Concerns
- Undercover & Plainclothes Safety and Survival Skills
- Case Studies and Techniques
- UC & Plainclothes Officer Use of Force options

**Course Date & Times:**
(1 day)  
May 7, 2020  
8:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Independence Civic Center  
6363 Selig Drive  
Independence, OH 44131

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**Interview & Interrogation in Narcotics Cases**

This course is designed specifically for law enforcement officers. The focus of this training is to prepare investigators to conduct court-preferred methods of interviewing and interrogation techniques by incorporating non-verbal and behavioral analysis (body language) as well as grammatical clues to support truth and deception.

**Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:**
1. Identify the 10 most common mistakes oftentimes made by investigators.
2. Describe the differences between an interview and interrogation.
3. Describe the “fight vs. flight” syndrome and its effects on behavioral analysis.
4. Perform analysis on verbal and written statements.
5. Prepare a list of “open” and “closed ended” questions.
6. Describe the cause and effects of the “false positive” and how to avoid same.
7. Recognize the “evasive verbal response” and its affective antidote.
8. Repeat the three mandated questions of the “verbal lie detector.”
9. Perform the mathematical equation of balancing a written statement.
10. Describe the importance of allowing suspects to maintain their dignity.
11. Conduct and describe the 12 steps of an interrogation.

**Course Dates & Times:**
(3 days)  
May 20 - 22, 2020
**Street Level Criminal Interdiction**

The Desert Snow Street Level Criminal Interdiction Class will provide students with the basic skills and fundamentals needed to successfully interdict the criminal element in the street level setting. The techniques provided in this course work in a variety of street level settings from urban cities to suburban and rural towns. This course will cover topics related to proactive street level traffic and subject stops, surveillance operations, hotel/motel enforcement and the development and use of informants. Students will leave with a basic foundation that they can build upon throughout their career.

**Training Objectives:**
- Identify how to engage in community focused, professional proactive criminal enforcement.
- Identify behaviors and other indicators associated with criminal activity.
- Explain traffic stop and subject stop techniques to lawfully interdict persons involved in criminal activity.
- Demonstrate basic surveillance techniques.
- Demonstrate a basic understanding of hotel interdiction.
- Recognize informant motives and identify ways that informants can be utilized.
- Formulate skills needed to successfully testify in court.

**Course Date & Times:**
- **May 27, 2020**
- 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

**Independent Civic Center**

6363 Selig Drive
Independence, OH 44131

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**Dark Net Investigation Training**

This training is provided free of charge for all law enforcement officers and prosecuting attorneys. The training will provide the basics of investigating overdose deaths, the laws implicated when serious bodily injury or death results from the use of narcotics, cryptocurrencies and their exploitation and an introduction to how the dark net is used in drug trafficking.

Students will be introduced to:

- Opioid Overdose Investigations
- Crypto Currency
- Dark Web
- Case Reviews
- Money Laundering
Street Gang Investigations

Street gangs are increasingly posing a threat to communities across the United States. Gang members are no longer limited to large metropolitan cities. Smaller communities and suburban areas are experiencing gang violence at alarming rates. Gang members are involved in various types of violent criminal activities. The majority of gang violence revolves around drug distribution and "turf wars." Drug dealers and gang members are responsible for drive-by shootings, home invasions, and violent murders in cities all across the United States. Law enforcement professionals must aggressively investigate these violent acts. If the perpetrators are not apprehended quickly, more violence will likely occur, injuring or killing innocent civilians.

This course is designed to expose the fact that a large number of murders occurring in America are somehow related to drugs and/or gangs. This course will also delve into the extreme violence associated with these murders. In addition to posing a threat to communities, gang members are carrying out deadly attacks against law enforcement officers across the country. Within the past few years, gang members have brutally shot and killed several police officers in the line of duty.

This two-day training course was designed to assist law enforcement officers with the identification and recognition of street gang members. Officers will gain an understanding of the motivation for individuals joining a gang. Officers will receive instruction on the structure and leadership of some of the most violent gangs in America. Exposing officers to a gangs' hand signs, colors, graffiti, or clothing in a classroom setting, will better prepare the officer to win a deadly encounter with a gang member on the streets.

Topics Covered:

- Breakdown of National Gangs
- Local Gang Problems
- Motivation for Joining a Gang
- Gang Members Identifiers
- Criminal Activities Gangs are involved in
- Techniques to Gather Intelligence on Gang Members
- Interviewing Gang Members
- Utilizing Internet Databases to Track Gang Members
- Officer Safety Considerations
- Case Studies on Law Enforcement Officers killed by Gang Members
Course Dates & Times: (2 days)  
8:00 am – 4:00 pm  
June 15 - 16, 2020  
Independence Civic Center  
6363 Selig Drive  
Independence, OH 44131

**Basic Surveillance Techniques**

This two day course provides both classroom instruction and practical exercises involving stationary, mobile and foot surveillance. This class will cover surveillance terminology and techniques utilized by surveillance teams and will address the common pitfalls that arise while conducting surveillance operations. Students will be provided countless examples of surveillance situations and will be given the opportunity to apply the concepts learned. This class will provide officers and detectives with the knowledge to enhance surveillance techniques and ultimately strengthen criminal cases resulting in the successful prosecution of individuals.

Course Dates & Times: (2 days)  
8:00 am – 4:00 pm  
July 29 - 30, 2020  
Ohio HIDTA  
984 Keynote Circle  
Brooklyn Heights, OH 44131
Ohio High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area
REGISTRATION FORM

AN E-MAIL CONFIRMATION WILL BE SENT
ADVISING IF YOU ARE ENROLLED APPROX.
2 WEEKS PRIOR TO THE CLASS

There is no registration cost for the classes in this brochure
Please fill out one registration form for each person and each class

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

Course Name: ____________________________ Course Date: ____________

Training Location: ______________________________________________________

ALL CLASSES BEGIN AT 8:00 A.M. UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED

Name of Registrant: ______________________________________________________
                         (Last Name)                      (First Name)

Agency Name: ___________________________________________________________

Agency Address: _________________________________________________________
                         (Streets Address)

                         ___________________________________________
                         (City, State, Zip Code)

Telephone Number: _______________ Cell Number: _______________

Email: _______________________________ Fax Number: _______________

(REQUIRED)

Please include your contact information so we can contact you if there is a change to your class.

Are you a member of a HIDTA Task Force? If yes, please indicate which task force:

______________________________________________________________

SUPERVISOR APPROVAL AND SIGNATURE IS MANDATORY

Supervisor Approval: ________________________ Date: ________________

Supervisor Telephone Number: ________________________________

If you cannot attend a class, PLEASE email or call to cancel. Thank you.

Fax completed form to: (216)-739-3518 OR email to marybeth.depasquale@ohiohidta.org
OR register online at www.ohiohidta.net
If you have any questions, please call Mary Beth at (216) 739-3502