

Ohio High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area

2024 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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Law Enforcement Training Schedule for 2024

Parcel Interdiction	8/12	Blue Ash, Ohio
Dangerous Drug Lab Recognition	9/9 - 9/10	Allison Park, Pennsylvania
Cell Phone Investigations	9/23 – 9/24	Norton, Ohio
Interview & Interrogation Techniques	9/30 – 10/1	Independence, Ohio
Tactical Narcotic Debriefings	10/7 – 10/9	Greensburg, Pennsylvania
Advanced Search & Seizure	10/16	Middleburg Heights, Ohio
Mexican Drug Cartel Investigations	10/21 – 10/22	Independence, Ohio

**ADDITIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT CLASSES
WILL BE ADDED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR -
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WWW.OHIOHIDTA.NET

Registration can also be completed online!

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

PARCEL INTERDICTION

This parcel interdiction class will teach attendees how to identify, disrupt, and interdict individuals involved in the illegal trafficking of narcotics through the mail and private shipping companies. This class features extensive working knowledge of UPS and FedEx with many examples of the instructor’s personal experiences. The class covers developing relationships with private shipping companies, dealing with managers, day to day business operations, how to read and understand shipping labels in a fast paced, high-volume environment, concealment methods, researching parcel labels, current trends, controlled deliveries, case law, search warrant examples, and case follow-up.

Course Dates & Times:

**(1 day)
8:00 am – 4:00 pm**

**August 12, 2024
Hamilton County Coroner’s Office
4477 Carver Woods Drive
Blue Ash, OH 45242**

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.

Fentanyl has claimed the lives of thousands of people across the United States. 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.

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**

Course Dates & Times:

**(2 days)
8:00 am – 4:00 pm**

**September 9 - 10, 2024
Allegheny Police Training Academy
700 W. Ridge Road
Allison Park, PA 15101**

CELL PHONE INVESTIGATIONS

It has become increasingly difficult for law enforcement to successfully exploit cell phones due to the evolution of smartphone technology. Criminals' heavy reliance on cell phones makes it crucial for police officers to learn common cell phone terminology and understand the data they receive from cell phone companies.

Historical cell-site data and specialized location records have been utilized in thousands of investigations to successfully track a criminal or put them near a crime scene. Information will be presented during this block of instructions on the benefits of using these records, the limitations of the records, and the best software to map the records.

Smartphone Applications (APPS) have become the preferred method of communication for criminals. Although the content of many APPS is encrypted, there are digital imprints left behind on the actual device. Information will be presented on various APPS, as well as the types of data that can be obtained from the APP providers.

The final blocks of instruction will involve instructions on obtaining available data from Google & Apple products. Google's large platform of location data enables law enforcement to accurately track Google users while Apple's iCloud data allows law enforcement to obtain contents of communications when stored to the cloud. This two-day training course will provide officers with a comprehensive approach to exploiting cellular telephones.

Topics Covered:

- **Cell Phone Terminology**
- **VOIP & Spoofing Challenges**

- **Interpretation of Call Records**
- **Cell Site & Specialized Location Records**
- **Google Known Tracking & Geo Fencing Warrants**
- **Apple, iCloud, and Airtag Warrants**
- **Meta Platforms (Facebook, Instagram, & Whats app)**
- **TikTok, Snapchat, & Latest App Trends**
- **Advanced Tracking Techniques**

Course Dates & Times: **(2 days)**
 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

September 23 - 24, 2024
Norton Fire Department
3380 Greenwich Road
Norton, OH 44203

INTERVIEW & INTERROGATION TECHNIQUES

Law enforcement officials responsible for conducting criminal investigations are involved in the objective search for the truth in every facet of an investigation, including interviews and interrogations.

Interview and interrogation techniques are becoming highly scrutinized by the courts as well as members of the jury. Investigators must provide prosecutors with several items that meet the legal and ethical requirements for admission in court.

This course will present with up-to-date case law regarding current issues surrounding interviews and interrogations and is designed to provide investigators with the necessary skills to obtain information through interviewing and interrogation in an ethical and legal framework.

Investigators will learn the difference between interviews and interrogations, methods for establishing rapport, developing case specific themes, proper room setup, the difference between an admission and a confession, and techniques to ensure the interview is conducted in a legal manner.

Numerous case studies will be discussed as well as audio/video of past interrogations to help demonstrate the techniques presented.

Topics Covered:

- **Up-To-Date Case Law Impacting Interrogations**
- **Interview vs. Interrogation**
- **Establishing Rapport**
- **Theme Development**
- **Developing Case-Specific Themes**
- **Proper Room Setup**
- **Admission vs. Confession**
- **Prosecutor Expectations**

Course Dates & Times: (2 days)
8:00 am – 4:00 pm

September 30 – October 1, 2024
Independence Civic Center
6363 Selig Drive
Independence, OH 44131

TACTICAL NARCOTIC DEBRIEFINGS

This training course is designed to provide investigators with the skills necessary to obtain information regarding narcotics investigations through interviewing and interrogation in an ethical and legal framework. Investigators will learn the difference between interviews and interrogations, methods for establishing rapport, how to develop case-specific themes, proper room setup, the difference between an admission and a confession, and techniques to ensure the interview is conducted in a legal manner. Numerous case studies will be discussed as well as audio/video of past interrogations to help demonstrate the techniques presented. Practical classroom (mock) debriefings, interviews and interrogations will be conducted by course participants.

Topics Covered:

- **Identify the intelligence needs of their respective jurisdiction.**
- **Conduct effective debriefings of arrestees, prisoners, inmates, and other offenders with an emphasis on narcotics, terrorist, and gang investigations.**
- **Conduct more successful debriefings of difficult individuals.**
- **Identify motivations leading to cooperation of potential informants.**
- **Use effective body language to increase communication.**
- **Phrase efficient questions to greatly increase the potential of acquiring intelligence.**
- **Use maximum elicitation communication techniques.**
- **Use conducive communicative behavior.**
- **Cultivate additional informants useful in combating drugs and other crimes within their jurisdiction.**
- **Develop considerably more “actionable” intelligence than before.**
- **Participate in practical classroom activities**

Course Dates & Times: (3 days)
8:00 am – 4:00 pm

October 7-9, 2024
PSP Southwest Training Center
2900 Seminary Drive
Greensburg, PA 15601

ADVANCED SEARCH & SEIZURE

Search and Seizure case law is consistently changing in the United States, and this directly impacts law enforcement officers' ability to legally conduct searches during criminal investigations, pedestrian encounters, and traffic stops. Thousands of cases are lost every year across the country due to illegal searches by law enforcement. This one-day training course will provide officers the most up-to-date court rulings impacting search and seizure. Officers will not

only get a refresher on the 4th Amendment and search warrant exceptions, but a practical application will be applied.

Real-world scenarios will be presented in class to encourage discussions. Often, classes become divided on whether an example was a “good search” or “bad search.” Officers will learn from the scenarios and are better prepared to answer the tough questions in court if a search is challenged.

This course provides sound search and seizure techniques that will aid officers in building a solid case supported by evidence. Officers will also learn how to draft penal interest search warrants, anticipatory search warrants, and techniques to overcome the “Knock & Announce” requirements. Over the past several years, dozens of law enforcement officers have been sent to prison because of falsifying search warrant affidavits. Case studies will be presented to show officers how taking shortcuts in search warrant affidavits can lead to unemployment and felony convictions.

Topics Covered:

- **Understanding the 4th Amendment**
- **Up-to-date Search & Seizure Court Rulings**
- **Search Warrant Exceptions**
- **Anticipatory & Penal Interest Search Warrants**
- **Search Warrant Suppression Hearings**
- **Civil Liability for Police Officers**
- **Vehicle Searches**
- **Search Warrant Preparation**

Course Dates & Times: (1 day)
8:00 am – 4:00 pm

October 16, 2024
Middleburg Heights Rec. Center
15700 Bagley Road
Middleburg Hts., OH 44130

MEXICAN DRUG CARTEL INVESTIGATIONS

Mexican Cartels are impacting communities in nearly every city in the United States. This problem can no longer be viewed as a “Border Issue” as most of the drugs distributed and consumed in the U.S. originate in Mexico. In addition to drug trafficking, the cartels are involved in human smuggling, fuel thefts, money laundering, extortion's, and murder.

This course contains up-to-date information regarding the current status of the major Mexican Cartels to include their leadership, structure, territory they control in Mexico and primary crossing locations into the United States. The smuggling routes utilized by the Cartels do not stop once the drugs make it across the U.S./Mexican Border. That is simply first step. It is important for local law enforcement officers to understand the precise smuggling routes of drugs entering their cities.

Mexican Cartels have continued their strategic relationship with traditional street gangs operating in the United States. Information will be presented to show the current alliances.

Proven investigative strategies will be presented in this course to aggressively target Mexican Cartels. These strategies include controlled buy operations, wire taps, and interdiction strategies.

The use of Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF) have been utilized to disrupt and dismantle highly sophisticated Mexican Cartels. Information will be presented in this course to prepare successful OCDETF proposals.

Mexican Cartel members rely heavily on spiritual protections and patron saints. It is imperative that law enforcement officials recognize the influences of the various saints as well as the influences of narcocorridos and narco-rap music. Information and visual images will be presented so that officers can recognize the patron saints if encountered in the field.

Topics Covered:

- **History & Structure of Cartels**
- **Mexican Cartels and Street Gangs**
- **Identification of Smuggling Routes & Concealment**
- **Cartel Stash House Indicators & Consensual Encounters**
- **Money Laundering Techniques**
- **Cartel Undercover Operations (Overview)**
- **Narcocorridos and Narco-Rap Influences**
- **Patron Saints and the Spiritual World**
- **Narco Culture**

Course Dates & Times:

**(2 days)
8:00 am – 4:00 pm**

**October 21-22, 2024
Independence Civic Center
6363 Selig Drive
Independence, OH 44131**



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Course Name: _____ Course Date: _____

Training Location: _____

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

Registrants Agency: _____

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.

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OR register online at www.ohiohidta.net

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