

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

Google Tracking Warrants	3/1	Webinar (9:00 – 11:00)
Tracking Cell Phones, GPS, Wi-Fi	3/1	Webinar (12:00 – 4:00)
Fentanyl Dangers	3/20	Toledo, Ohio
Airport Interdiction	3/26	Independence, Ohio
Criminal Investigations Using Cellular Technologies	4/8 – 4/12	Cleveland, Ohio (\$1,000)
Cryptocurrency Investigations	4/9 – 4/10	Toledo, Ohio
Commercial Cannabis Investigations	4/15	Toledo, Ohio
Understanding Advanced & New Tech.	4/25 – 4/26	Independence, Ohio
Financial Investigations	5/8	Allison Park, Pennsylvania
Advanced Search & Seizure	5/21	Allison Park, Pennsylvania
Advanced Cryptocurrency Inv.	5/29 – 5/31	Independence, Ohio
Street Gang Investigations	6/3 – 6/4	Allison Park, Pennsylvania
Basic Narcotics Investigations	6/12 – 6/14	Independence, Ohio
Open Source Popular Apps	6/20	Webinar (9:00 – 1:00)
Technology Threats & Trends	7/15 – 7/16	Middleburg Heights, Ohio
Red Flags / Survival	7/22	Allison Park, Pennsylvania
Marijuana Legalization	8/6	Independence, Ohio
Parcel Interdiction	8/12	Blue Ash, Ohio
Mexican Drug Cartel Investigations	8/27 – 8/28	Toledo, 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
Advanced Search & Seizure	10/16	Middleburg Heights, Ohio

**ADDITIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT CLASSES
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VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT:**

WWW.OHIOHIDTA.NET

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COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

GOOGLE GEO FENCING - WEBINAR

Google collects and retains location data on their servers from Android enabled mobile devices, as well as devices supporting Google applications such as Google Search, Gmail, Google Maps, and Google Drive, so long as the location services of the phone are enabled.

Law enforcement officials across the United States have legally obtained this data from Google. In December 2023, Google announced that they are changing their process for collecting and storing a user's data. The anticipated changes will greatly impact law enforcement's ability to prepare traditional geo fencing warrants. A Google spokesperson announced that the changes would take place over the next twelve months. Although geo fencing data may be limited, known tracking warrants can still be extremely useful for law enforcement.

This webinar will provide a step-by-step process on the proper methods to obtain, interpret, and map the data provided by Google.

Course Date & Time: March 1, 2024

WEBINAR - 9:00 AM TO 11:00 AM

TRACKING CELL PHONES GPS, WIFI, CELL SITES, & SLR - WEBINAR

Criminals' heavy reliance on cell phones makes it crucial for police officers to learn various techniques to successfully track a criminal or put them near a crime scene. Historical cell-site data and specialized location records have been utilized in thousands of investigations. Smart phone GPS now provide advanced methods to place criminals at or near crime scenes.

This course will provide proper methods to obtain, interpret, and map GPS, Cell-Site connections, and specialized location records.

Topics Covered:

- **Obtaining Historical Cell Site Data**
- **"Tower Dumps"**
- **Using Specialized Location Records**
- **Smart Phone APP-based GPS Tracking**
- **Search Warrant Preparation**

Course Date & Time: March 1, 2024

WEBINAR - 12:00 PM TO 4:00 PM

FENTANYL DANGERS

This class will discuss the rise of the opioid epidemic in the U.S., particularly the rise of Fentanyl and the distribution of counterfeit M-30 pills containing Fentanyl. The class will review various case studies to learn how to safely respond and investigate the scene of an overdose whether or not a fatality occurred. This class will prepare you to act in an undercover roll by using social media to identify and arrest the suspected distributors of Fentanyl pills and powder. Finally, the class will review various federal charges related to overdoses and overdose deaths, and prepare investigators for successful prosecution related to Fentanyl overdoses and overdose deaths. This class is beneficial for detectives, patrol officers, and supervisors.

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

March 20, 2024
Four SeaGate Conference Center
433 N. Summit Drive
Toledo, OH 43604

AIRPORT INTERDICTION

PNR Information

- Review of how to examine an airline Passenger Name Record (PNR) and what information agents/officers utilize from the PNR to select passengers that may be involved in some type of criminal activity. Instructor will go over how the PNR is obtained and what information on these records such as time of purchase, flight itinerary, and other factors are used to determine what passenger's agent/officers will conduct consensual encounters with.

CS Establishment / CS Management

- Instruction will be based on how to establish a CS that will best assist in airport interdiction operations. It will also be discussed on how and where to recruit CS's and how to keep them from being identified. Instructor will also speak about lessons learned and best practicing in handling CS's.

Consensual Encounter / Interview Techniques

- Instructor will discuss the procedure and process of how a consensual encounter is performed. Instructor will also discuss issues that may arise during the encounter that will change your consensual encounter to a detention. We will also go over interview questions that will help agents/officers to obtain probable cause and help secure their case for later court proceedings.

Courier Characteristics

- This course teaches agent/officers behavior patterns of couriers and indicators of criminal activity. It will discuss the involuntary body reactions that occur when someone is nervous and under high stress. This will also show multiple cases that prove you cannot base your consensual encounter on what someone looks like.

Concealment Techniques and Trends

- With concealment methods constantly changing, instructor will discuss recent seizures, concealment methods, and things to look for during your consent/warrant searches. Instructor will show hidden compartments inside suitcases and other items used to conceal narcotics and/or currency.

Case Reviews

- Instructor will review and go over multiple cases that show agent/officers how to put together what was discussed during the training and how it applies it building a strong case. It will show success stories and outcomes from proactive airport interdictions.

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

March 26, 2024
Independence Civic Center
6363 Selig Drive
Independence, OH 44131

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS USING CELLULAR TECHNOLOGIES – COST \$1,000

The 40 Hour Cellular Investigations Course is open to any sworn investigator, crime analyst or fugitive operator possessing fundamental knowledge of call detail records, and who wants to advance their proficiency utilizing call detail record meta-data for successful investigations and trial presentations.

This course provides motivated investigators comprehensive training in the evidentiary value of call detail records and geolocation data. The course syllabus incorporates several case studies for attendees to investigate using meta data from each major provider and other sources of geolocation information. The case study workshops allow students to experience the process of investigating call detail records from beginning to end, instilling knowledge and confidence to build a final case they can effectively testify to in court. This course is constantly evolving to keep up with the ever-changing world of cellular technology. This 40-Hour course focuses on best investigative practices and is a pre-requisite to the Subject Matter Expert Certification Course.

Students are required to bring laptops with Microsoft Excel and Google Earth PRO pre-installed. Students will be required to work with call detail records and geolocation information throughout the course. Students are encouraged to review these applications and have a basic understanding of them prior to class. This course is designed to use lecture, case studies and practical workshops to demonstrate and teach investigative techniques.

Topics Covered:

- **Provider Specifics**
- **Provisioning GPS Information**
- **Legal Concerns**
- **Metadata Retention**
- **Undercover Operations**

- Court Orders/Search Warrants
- Establishing Exigent Orders
- GPS Technologies
- Cellular Theory
- In-depth Case Studies
- Round Trip Time (RTT)
- Per Call Measurement Detail (PCMD)
- Court Presentations
- Exigent and Live Monitoring
- Drive Testing Principles
- Pattern Analysis
- Social Media and Devices

Course Dates & Times: (5 days)
8:00 am – 5:00 pm

April 8 - 12, 2024
Ohio HIDTA
4781 Hinckley Industrial Parkway
Cleveland, OH 44109

To register for this Lexis Nexis class, please click [HERE](#)

CRYPTOCURRENCY INVESTIGATIONS

The use of Cryptocurrency as a form of payments and investments has exploded over the past several years. Due to the decentralization that cryptocurrency offers, criminals have tapped into this market to pay for illicit activity as well as engage in money laundering methods. Cryptocurrencies operate on decentralized public ledgers known as blockchains. These blockchains rely on several key concepts that will be explained in detail during the course. Information will be provided on multiple blockchains to include Bitcoin, Ethereum, Bianca, as well as associated tokens and NFTs. Understanding these concepts can assist with the “de-anonymization” process to try and identify criminals.

This training course will cover the fundamentals of cryptocurrency to include how to obtain it using custodial and non-custodial cryptocurrency wallets, peer to peer networks, CoinJoin multi-party services, and various other methods.

Privacy coins like Monero, Zcash, and Dash as well as Stable coins like Tether, have become increasingly popular with illicit activity. Information will be presented on methods to track these coins as well as the investigative limitations.

In -depth practical exercises will take place during this course to provide participants with a first-hand experience on purchasing, sending, and receiving cryptocurrency. Class participants will have the opportunity to use advanced Investigative tools to show to positively identify users of cryptocurrency. On-scene investigator checklist as well as methods to properly seize and secure cryptocurrency will be discussed.

Topics Covered:

- Cryptocurrency Overview
- Blockchain Technology Overview
- Identifying Cryptocurrency Wallets
- Bitcoin & the UTXO Transaction Model
- Ethereum & ERC-20 Tokens
- NFTs & Dapps
- Binance & BEP-20 Tokens
- Stable Coins & Privacy Coins
- On-scene Investigation Checklist
- Legal Processes & Seizing Cryptocurrency
- Investigative Tools to Identify and Track Criminal Activity

Course Dates & Times:

(2 days)
8:00 am – 4:00 pm

April 9 – 10, 2024
Four SeaGate Conference Center
433 N. Summit Drive
Toledo, OH 43604

COMMERCIAL CANNABIS INVESTIGATIONS

Many States in the United States have legalized medical marijuana use, more have decriminalized possession of marijuana and a steadily increasing number of states have legalized recreational use and sales. The legalization of marijuana has created and will continue to create challenges for law enforcement. This course was developed to assist law enforcement officers who are, or soon will be responsible for enforcing marijuana laws in jurisdictions that have legalized commercial cannabis cultivation, distribution, manufacturing, and sale. This class will provide an overview of investigative methodology, distinguishing between lawful and unlawful commercial Cannabis operations and the influence and involvement of organized criminal organizations (Mexican Cartels and Chinese Transnational Criminal Organizations) in the commercial Cannabis field. associated violent crime, human trafficking (at cultivation locations especially), environmental damage caused by water diversion and use of dangerous, illegal pesticides and fertilizers at cultivation site will be explored. The course will also discuss asset forfeiture, tax evasion, public corruption, prosecution, money laundering utilizing ATMs at the retail sites, and psilocybin products comingling with Cannabis retail locations.

Course Dates & Times:

(1 day)
8:00 am – 4:00 pm

April 15, 2024
Four SeaGate Conference Center
433 N. Summit Drive
Toledo, OH 43604

UNDERSTANDING ADVANCED & NEW TECHNOLOGY

As technology continuously changes, law enforcement officers and investigators must learn to adapt and understand these technologies being used by criminals.

Even with budget restrictions and limited resources for each agency, criminals act without borders by using (Internet-based technologies and often achieve higher anonymity by studying the techniques and trends being used by law enforcement.

With the defense counselors' and criminals' right to "discovery" and now "e-discovery," there are new case laws established that require investigators to adhere to specific and strict practices with regards to acquisition, management, and preservation of data.

This course expands the knowledge of investigators to understand the position and place of digital forensics in the wake of new and advanced technology continuously being introduced into today's society.

This course will prepare learners to expand their scope of leads and potential areas of considerations with regards to how new technologies are being used to avoid the detection and identification of crimes.

This training course will provide officers with an advanced understanding of new and advanced technology. This exploitation can lead to better investigative practices to conduct a thorough and data-rich investigation for trials and prosecution.

Topics Covered:

- **Understanding Digital Forensics for New and Advanced Technology**
- **Investigations Involving Popular Social Media Applications**
- **Case Law and Emerging Trends**
- **Discovery and E-Discovery**
- **Policies and Procedures for High Tech Investigations**
- **Proxy Servers/ VPNs**
- **Block Chain Technology**
- **Cloud Based Forensics**
- **Virtual Reality and Artificial Intelligence**
- **Countering Anti-Forensics for Law Enforcement**

Course Dates & Times:	(2 days)	April 25 – 26, 2024
	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Independence Civic Center
		6363 Selig Drive
		Independence, OH 44131

FINANCIAL INVESTIGATIONS

Typically, prosecutors will ask questions when the subject of a financial investigation is mentioned.

- ◆ Why spend the time on a Financial Investigation when other charges have already been proven?
- ◆ Why delay the investigation?

- ◆ It will create voluminous paper evidence that will need to be inventoried and turned over to the defense.
- ◆ It will not add much to the sentencing of the defendant.

This class will provide answers to those questions as well as assist in simplifying a financial investigation. The course will define money laundering and break down the three stages of money laundering: Placement, Layering and Integration. Money laundering has an economic and social consequences on society and this course will provide an overview of issues. The money laundering statutes will be discussed in detail as will the merger issue with money laundering. The use of non-banking money launderers such as casinos, dealers in high-value items, travel agencies, vehicle sellers, gatekeepers and real estate industry will be covered in the instruction. Black Market Peso Exchange is a growing crime in the U.S. and will be a subject covered. The class will also touch on asset forfeiture and tax evasion.

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

May 8, 2024
Allegheny Police Training Academy
700 W. Ridge Road
Allison Park, PA 15101

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

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

May 21, 2024
Allegheny Police Training Academy
700 W. Ridge Road
Allison Park, PA 15101

ADVANCED CRYPTOCURRENCY INVESTIGATIONS

Cryptocurrency crimes continue to evolve as more and more criminals utilize bitcoin and altcoins to carry out their illicit activities. These crimes range from trafficking activities on the dark web to fraudulent activity and scams on regulated cryptocurrency exchanges. There has also been a tremendous uptick in criminals using NFT's and staking platforms as a way to launder proceeds of criminal activity.

The Advanced Cryptocurrency Investigations course is designed to prepare law enforcement officials to conduct these complex investigations. In-depth information will be presented on the most current cryptocurrency crimes with successful case studies to show how criminals can be positively identified and prosecuted.

Coinjoins and mixing services are becoming increasingly popular with criminals to attempt to obfuscate their cryptocurrency. Information will be presented on the most common types of coinjoins and mixing services and techniques to identify when a criminal is using these services on the blockchain. Information will be presented on advanced heuristics to de-mix the addresses and successfully track the transactions.

Class participants will be provided with Windows-based tablets and a demo account with Crypto Track Pro Analytical Tool. This will be used for the in-depth practical exercises focusing on advanced analytics and tracking. Real-life case studies will be presented, and the class participants will use their Crypto Track Pro demo account to successfully trace the transactions.

Participants must pass a course examination demonstrating mastery of all topics covered. Upon successful completion of the exam, an Advanced Cryptocurrency Investigations certificate will be issued, valid for a two-year time-period. Tuition-free recertification webinars will be available when the participant's certification expires.

Topics Covered:

- **Blockchain Attributes**
- **Common Cryptocurrency Crimes**
- **Tracking UTXO & Altcoins**
- **Tracking Bridges, Bots, & Cross-chain Swaps**
- **Mixing Services & Coinjoins**
- **Crypto Track Pro Demo Accounts Provided**
- **Tablets Provided for Advanced Tracing**
- **In-depth Practical Exercises & Case Studies**
- **Final Exam for Certification**
- **Transaction Analysis & Graphing**

Course Dates & Times: (3 days)

8:00 am – 4:00 pm

May 29 - 31, 2024

Independence Civic Center

6363 Selig Drive

Independence, OH 44131

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. Drug dealers and gang members are responsible for drive-by shootings, home invasions, and violent murders in cities 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 many 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.

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**
- **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**

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

June 3 - 4, 2024
Allegheny Police Training Academy
700 W. Ridge Road
Allison Park, PA 15101

BASIC NARCOTICS INVESTIGATIONS

Day 1

8 AM - 12 PM Drug recognition and hazards (identification, routes of administration, exposure hazards, articulating user/dealer amounts, packaging, drug paraphernalia).

1 PM - 5 PM Drug recognition and hazards (continued). Individual responsibilities in undercover operations (undercover, case detective, supervisor, cover teams).

Day 2

8 AM - 12 PM Confidential informant/source management (developing/cultivating, types of informants, rules/policies, confidentiality, prosecutors, corroboration, check-ups).

1PM – 5 PM How to work an undercover case-from beginning to end (opening the case, documentation, case files, articulation, search warrants, subpoenas, physical and electronic evidence, electronic listening/monitoring devices, GPS trackers, trash pulls, prosecutors, surveillance, take downs, and trial preparation).

Day 3

8 AM - 12 PM How to work an undercover case from beginning to end (opening the case, documentation, case files, articulation, search warrants, subpoenas, physical and electronic evidence, electronic listening/monitoring devices, GPS trackers, trash pulls, prosecutors, surveillance, take downs, and trial preparation).

1 PM - 5 PM Undercover buy walk practical scenario (informant and crime stoppers tips, surveillance, reporting, corroboration, written operational plan, risk analysis, undercover funds, operational planning, briefing, assignments).

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

June 12 - 14, 2024
Independence Civic Center
6363 Selig Drive
Independence, OH 44131

OPEN SOURCE POPULAR APPS - WEBINAR

Open Source Intelligence is a crucial aspect of combating crime in the 21st century. Modern-day technology continues to evolve; however, law enforcement has been behind the curve.

This course will help bring officers and investigators up to speed with the new technology trends and give them practical/applicable tools to conduct investigations involving popular smart phone apps like: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snap Chat, & Tik Tok.

This course will help officers learn to identify and capture critical evidence often found on smart phone apps.

Topics Covered:

- **Open Source Intelligence Overview**
- **OS – Facebook**
- **OS – Instagram**
- **OS – Twitter**
- **OS – Snapchat**
- **OS- Tik Tok**

Course Date & Time: June 20, 2024

WEBINAR - 9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

TECHNOLOGY THREATS & TRENDS AGAINST LAW ENFORCEMENT

Technology saturates our everyday lives. Yet, so many technologies are being developed with the specific purpose of targeting police officers or hiding criminal activity.

This is a unique and eye-opening class for prosecutors, law enforcement personnel, and anyone working in the judicial system who wants to learn more about how technologies are being used (or misused) to commit crimes, avoid or detect investigations, and to conduct counter-surveillance.

However, not only will this class examine and demonstrate how individuals are misusing these technologies, but it will also reveal simple, inexpensive ways to mitigate their success as well as provide some investigative tips.

Although dealing with technology issues, this course is instructed in a manner that both the novice and the expert will understand and appreciate.

The course utilizes a combination of lecture, multimedia examples, case studies, and live demonstrations involving the attendees.

Topics Covered:

- **Video Counter-Surveillance**
- **The Vulnerabilities of Caller ID Including Spoofing & Unblocking Software**
- **Virtual Numbers**
- **What the Metadata in Photographs Reveals**
- **Devious & Dangerous Smartphone Apps**
- **GPS & Geo-Location Threats**
- **Understanding IP Addresses & How to Identify a Target**

- **Proxy Servers, VPNs and TOR**

Course Dates & Times:	(2 days) 8:00 am – 4:00 pm	July 15 - 16, 2024 Middleburg Heights Police Dept. 15600 Bagley Road Middleburg Hts., OH
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RED FLAGS/SURVEILLANCE & OFFICER SAFETY

During the class, the students will be exposed to video recreations and actual video footage of undercover operations that resulted in the death, injury and robbery of the undercover officer. The class will discuss what “Red Flags” were present and overlooked which played a factor in each incident. The student will learn how to stop problems before they take place. Some of the highlights include: money flashes, weapon accessibility, complacency, supervisors’ responsibility, case agent responsibility, undercover officer development, case planning and briefing/debriefing. Some other important points covered will be “red flags”, how to detect them and avoid disaster. Tactical planning involving lethal attacks on the U.C. and running the field operation are also discussed.

Course Dates & Times:	(1 day) 8:00 am – 4:00 pm	July 22, 2024 Allegheny Police Training Academy 700 W. Ridge Road Allison Park, PA 15101
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MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

In 2012, Colorado was the first state to legalize recreational marijuana and Denver was the first city in the world to license its’ production and sale. Eventually Denver would have over 220 locations where marijuana could be sold and over 1100 licenses issued to businesses where marijuana could be grown, tested, refined, or dispensed. Legalization was a ‘tidal wave’ of unexpected impacts and problems that hit every city agency. To address these issues, the City had to create numerous new policies, procedures, and laws. In 2014 the Denver Marijuana Policy Team was formed to build collaboration between city agencies, the state, and the new industry to build the required governmental infrastructure.

This course is designed to familiarize the students with what they can expect during the legalization process and provide steps they can take now to prepare their police department and city. This course includes an overview of what Colorado agencies wished they would have known when legalization was implemented. Lessons learned include the boom in the black market, crime trends, demand for data collection, employee policy, officer training, industry cooperation, the neighborhood impacts of home grows, the dangers of THC extractions, and the political pressures that accompany the marijuana legalization movement.

The need for cooperation among City and State Agencies cannot be over stressed, because of this, employees and supervisors from across city agencies are encouraged to attend.

Topics Covered:

- The History of Legalization in Colorado and the issues it caused
- The Federal response to legalization
- Importance of collaboration among all city agencies
- The impact on crime
- Legalization issues police departments and cities will face
- How to work with the marijuana industry
- Steps that can be taken now to prepare for legalization

Course Dates & Times: (1 day) August 6, 2024
8:00 am – 4:00 pm Independence Civic Center
6363 Selig Drive
Independence, OH 44131

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) August 12, 2024
8:00 am – 4:00 pm Hamilton County Coroner's Office
4477 Carver Woods Drive
Blue Ash, OH 45242

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.

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)	September 23 - 24, 2024
	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	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

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



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