

LAW ENFORCEMENT SEMINARS LLC SYLLABUS

Course Title

Narcotics Investigations

Length of Course

12 HOURS

History and Purpose

Law enforcement in the United States recognizes the drug-related overdose and death epidemic affecting every state in the country. Fentanyl, methamphetamine, cocaine, ecstasy, and combinations of these drugs supplied by illicit manufacturers have contributed to a surge of narcotic related offenses.

This course has been developed with the intent of providing law enforcement officers with problem-solving procedures that can assist agencies and organizations address the drug problems that impact their cities, counties, and states. As the drug epidemic continues to grow in intensity, police agencies will need to implement narcotics enforcement that identifies problems, selects and deploys personnel, and provides the procedural techniques needed to be successful. This course outlines the investigative methodology needed for drug enforcement.

Participants

This course is designed for patrol officers, narcotics officers, supervisors, and command personnel.

COURSE COMPOSITION

HOURS

1.1	Introduction and Course Overview	1.5
1.2	Problem Identification	1.0
1.3	Selection of Personnel	1.0
1.4	Investigative Techniques	5.0
1.5	Search and Arrest Warrants	1.5
1.6	Officer Safety & Supervision	1.0
1.7	Reports and Documentation / Summary	1.0

Course Goals

Upon completion of this seminar, the participants will be able to:

- **Establish a narcotics unit based on needs and size of agency**
- **Safely investigate drug complaints & familiarize with current drug trends.**
- **Familiarize officers with investigative techniques to successfully combat and prosecute drug related offenses and problems.**

Section Title: Introduction and Course Overview

Learning Goal: Instructors will describe goals and objectives, as well as student responsibilities. An overview of the course material will be presented. Students and instructors will self introduce.

Performance Objectives: Students will have an understanding of course content and topical areas.

Section Title: Problem Identification

Learning Goal: Instructors will present the process of defining narcotics problems that student's agency may be experiencing. Key areas for identification will include locations where drug activity takes place as well as the types and sources of drugs present.

Performance Objectives: Students will be able to fully identify and define the narcotics problems present in their area.

Section Title: Selection of Personnel

Learning Goal: Instructors will address various approaches for dealing with current narcotics problems and how to construct an effective team to handle these issues. Necessary and recommended training for personnel involved with these teams will be identified.

Performance Objectives: Students will understand how narcotics units are adaptable to each community's size and issues while recognizing the essential need for proper training for each member of the unit.

Section Title: Investigative Techniques

Learning Goal: Instructors will provide in-depth training on various real-world techniques for investigating narcotics issues in their areas. Techniques including drug buys, trash pulls, confidential informants, undercover operations, and surveillance will be covered in detail.

Performance Objectives: Students will be able to properly and methodically implement investigative techniques.

Section Title: Search Warrants

Learning Goal: Instructors will present methodology for preparing search and arrest warrants. Execution of warrants will also be explained in detail.

Performance Objectives: Students will understand the process for preparing and executing search and arrest warrants.

Section Title: Officer Safety & Supervision

Learning Goal: Instructors will review the span of control within narcotics units and understand the importance of creating a written operation plan and holding briefings prior to taking any action.

Performance Objectives: Students will understand the paramount importance of preparation and communication to ensure the safety of all involved with drug investigations and prevention.

Section Title: Reports and Documentation / Summary

Learning Goal: Instructors will emphasize the importance of documenting investigative efforts. The instructor will provide students an opportunity for questions and answers of any previously covered material. Course evaluations will be completed, and certificates will be distributed.

Performance Objectives: Students will clarify any misunderstanding they may have from the course material. Students will also have an opportunity to evaluate the effectiveness of the program and instructional staff.