

Criminal Investigation for New Detectives

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Recently promoted or assigned detectives can prepare for career success with this interactive, two-day program on the investigative process. Instruction focuses on the development of the detective's working philosophy, honing of critical thinking skills and role in the organization. Explore crime reconstruction using the scientific method, logical reasoning, sources of information, criminology and victimology. Learn a methodical, systematic and orderly process for crime scene analysis. Instruction also includes ethics, confidentiality, appropriate documentation, report writing, search and seizure, rules of evidence, surveillance, and court case preparation and presentation.

Topics Include

- Crime scene analysis and sketch
- Obtaining information
- Canvassing
- Death investigation

Date and Time

Monday and Tuesday, April 10 and 11

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Hours: 16

Tuition: \$225

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Future Class

Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 16 and 17

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Hours: 16

Tuition: \$225

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Open Source Intelligence Techniques

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Law Enforcement, Prosecutors, and Corporate Security Personnel will learn the skills needed to conduct internet-based investigations. Students will learn about the current publicly available Open Source Investigative Techniques (OSINT) that can be used in intelligence gathering will be discussed. Law Enforcement Officers will gain valuable insight in learning new ways to gather intelligence from public or open sources available without the need for subpoenas or search warrants.

This course will be a one-day class (8 hours)

Topics Covered

- Current open-source websites where intelligence can be gathered
- Creating social media/online identities to hide your identity
- Social Media Investigations
- Advanced Google Searches
- Dark Web Investigations

Date and Time

Tuesday, April 11

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Hours: 8

Fee: \$149

Future Class

Friday, May 26

Friday, Nov. 3

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Covert Surveillance for Narcotics and Task Force Units

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This three day training program designed for law enforcement officers who use stationary, vehicle and foot surveillance as part of investigations. The course is designed to provide the participants with the skills to safely conduct and properly document surveillance activities.

This course consists of a 4 hour classroom presentation followed by six field surveillance exercises over the next 2 ½ days. The focus will be on proper equipment, techniques, terminology, decision making, communications, and planning to avoid detection.

Topics will be taught by a team of instructors who have decades of law enforcement experience conducting covert surveillance in narcotics cases. Lecture, videos, and real-life examples will be used in the classroom portion. Open discussion and student interaction during the course will be encouraged. This class assumes no previous surveillance experience or training, and therefore the initial four hours will focus on the basics of techniques and terminology. The next 20 hours will sharpen the participant's knowledge and skills through a variety of practical exercises.

The practical exercises will be conducted in urban (Chicago), suburban and rural environments. Driving skills for Interstate highways, residential areas and rural roads will be covered. Dense city neighborhoods, apartment complexes, shopping malls, hotels and truck stops will be used as settings for the exercises. Instructors will ride in surveillance vehicles with the students to reinforce learning objectives.

Topics Include

- Definitions and terminology
- Planning and briefings
- Contingency plans
- Radio communications
- Vehicular surveillance vulnerabilities
- Foot surveillance vulnerabilities
- Disguises for Vehicle and Officers
- Vehicle trackers
- Informants
- Photography and video strategies

Requirements

- 1 Only sworn active law enforcement officers are authorized to attend this class.
- 2 Participants should dress in casual civilian dress appropriate for covert foot surveillance. No visible firearms or badges.
- 3 An agency owned or leased unmarked police vehicle is needed. * NOTE: Two participants from the same agency can share one vehicle. The vehicle should be unmarked, not necessarily have to be covert.
- 4 Cell phone and charger.

Instructors

- Chief Tom Ross (retired), Bolingbrook PD
- Sgt. Anthony Terranova, Glen Ellyn PD, DEA Task Force Officer
- Inv. Rick Fabrie, Aurora PD, United States Marshall Service Task Force Officer
- Sgt. Scott Thorsen, Naperville PD, former DEA Task Force Officer

➤ Det. Bob Boehnke, Bolingbrook PD, former DEA Task Force Officer

➤ Ofc. Brigitte Buitron, Bolingbrook PD, former FBI Task Force Officer

Date and Time

Monday to Wednesday, April 10 to 12

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Homeland Security Education Center (HEC)

Hours: 24

Tuition: \$325

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Manual Breaching

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In the age of rapid deployment and required immediate action by responding officers, training in the use of manual breaching tools is essential to the missions of patrol officers and tactical operators. Numerous active assailants have fortified the location of their attack, most notably Seung-Hui Cho at Virginia Tech in 2007. This eight-hour training contains instruction on door construction and mechanics, breaching doors and windows, alternate breach points and ingress through the breach point. Upon completion of this training, participants will be able to properly utilize manual breaching tools for high-risk entries. This course will be comprised practical exercises in SLEA's 4-D immersive tactical village, using breaching doors and windows from Breaching Technologies, Inc.

Topics Include

- Proper use of the Halligan and the ram
- Fortified doors
- Raking windows
- Entering the breach point and dominating that room
- Low-light entry

Date and Time

Thursday, April 13

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Hours: 8

Tuition: \$149

Future Date

Thursday, Oct. 5

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Social Media and Online Investigations

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Students will learn the skills needed to conduct internet-based investigations. Students will learn about the different Social Media companies and how their information can assist in investigations with a court order or search warrant. Learning about what information can be obtained from various companies (Ride Share, Resellers, Rental Providers, etc.). Students will understand how information from Internet Providers can assist in identifying offenders.

This course will be a two-day class (16 hours)

We offer an Open Source Intelligence Techniques class the day after this class which continues instruction on internet-based investigations but uses open source material to conduct internet based investigations without the need for legal orders.

Topics Include

- Federal, State, and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Centers
- Content available from various Social Media Companies
- Preservation, Subpoena, and Search Warrants to Social Media Companies
- Internet Providers
- Resellers and Pawn Shops

Date and Time

Monday and Tuesday, April 17 and 18

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Homeland Security Education Center (HEC)

Hours: 16

Tuition: \$225

Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 27 and 28

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Homeland Security Education Center (HEC)

Hours: 16

Tuition: \$225

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Financial Crimes Investigations

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Examine the various methods and terminologies associated with financial crimes investigations through instruction by a recognized expert and participation in practical scenarios. Gain a working knowledge necessary to successfully investigate financial crime complaints. Class material is presented from a reactive, an investigative and preventive perspective.

Topics Include

- Case management and presentation
- Current financial crimes and scam trends
- Information resources and investigative tools
- Assisting victims of ID theft and scams

Date and Time

Monday and Tuesday, April 24 and 25

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

SSG Miller Homeland Education Center (HEC), \$225

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Advanced Financial Crime Investigations

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Students will learn of current trends in Financial Crimes. Instruction focuses on identifying the type of financial crime, collecting and preserving evidence, using High-Tech Investigative Techniques to identify the offenders, and bringing the offender to the criminal justice system for a successful prosecution.

This course will be a two day class (16 hours)

Topics Include

- Federal, State, and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Centers
- Current and past trends of Financial Crimes
- Card cracking, identity theft, credit card fraud, elderly exploitation, overseas scams, reshipping scams, internal company theft, IRS fraud, home repair fraud, skimmers, etc.
- Western Union and MoneyGram
- Resellers and Pawn Shops
- Using Mobile phone geolocations

Date and Time

Monday and Tuesday, May 1 and 2

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Homeland Security Education Center (HEC), Room 2032

Hours: 16

Tuition: \$225

Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 11 and 12

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Homeland Security Education Center (HEC), Room 2032

Hours: 16

Tuition: \$225

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Incident Report Writing

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This 8-hour seminar will instill and refresh writing skills to enhance and improve all types of reports from the simple and mundane to the complex and extraordinary. Basic grammar guidelines and vocabulary will be reviewed to streamline the reporting process and allow the students to improve their writing skills. Common misconceptions and missteps in presenting information will be discussed to highlight errors to avoid and correct habits to incorporate.

Instructional Goal

The successful completion of this course will allow students to effectively transfer notes, evidence, interviews, and follow up steps to concise and clear reports that are easily understood by readers at all levels of review. Effective report writing and communication skills are more important than ever, and those who take this course to heart will more efficiently achieve the goal of meeting peer, supervisor, citizen, and judicial review.

Topics Include

- Understand the importance of clear communication
- Learn how to write concisely and consistently for all communications
- Recognize common writing errors and how to avoid them
- Distinguish between correct and incorrect word usage
- Possess skills to transfer notes and interviews to complete summaries
- Master their fear of describing complex investigations in chronological order
- More effectively present information to readers at all levels of report review

Date and Time

Tuesday, May 9

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Homeland Security Training Center (HTC), Room 1001B

Hours: 8

Tuition: \$149

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Instructor Bio

After 29 years in law enforcement, **Craig Lepkowski** formed his own company to provide consulting services and professional development on leadership development, evaluation of personnel, report writing, and public safety cycling to assist organizations in the ever-changing business and law enforcement environment. Craig's training and professional development experiences have reached nationally and internationally, with his most exotic experience to date being in Brazil. He has been involved with the Illinois Juvenile Officers Association, Linking Efforts Against Drugs, the Lake County Opioid Initiative, the Lake County Underage Drinking and Drug Prevention Task Force, and most recently, the International Police Mountain Bike Association (IPMBA), where he served on the board of directors from 2013 - 2022.

Craig's entire law enforcement career was with the Lake Forest (IL) Police Department where he held many positions including Patrol Officer, Youth Officer, Detective, Officer-in-Charge, Sergeant, and Commander. As Administrative Commander, he provided oversight of personnel training, vehicle maintenance, budgeting and distribution of equipment and uniforms as Quartermaster. Craig also served as the department's Public Information Officer and liaised with numerous civic and community organizations. He also supervised all civilian employees and conducted bi-annual employee reviews, while updating department policies and procedures and municipal ordinances.

When Craig was an IPMBA Board member, he played an instrumental role in assisting with hosting yearly training conferences, updating board policies and corporate by-laws, and writing numerous articles for the international newsletter. Additionally, Craig was co-editor of The Complete Guide to Public Safety Cycling, 3rd Edition published in 2022, updating the previous 12-year-old edition.

Craig has a master's degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Loyola University Chicago, and a bachelor's degree in Spanish/English from Lake Forest College. He enjoys cultivating students of all ages as evidenced by his teaching at a preschool, as an IPMBA instructor, as an adjunct professor at the College of DuPage, and as an instructor for North-East Multi-Regional Training, Inc.

Mobile Phone Investigations

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Students will learn about the proper way to seize, preserve, and analyze Mobile Phones. Mobile Forensic Tools such as Graykey, Cellebrite, and Axiom will be discussed. Advertiser ID location information tracking will also be discussed along with Apple and Google records and geolocation data. Obtaining historical data from mobile phones will be discussed with hands-on training on using ZetX TraX's forensic mapping tool to view historical locations of the mobile devices.

This course is will a two-day class in person class (16 hours)

Topics Include

- Seizing Apple and Android mobile phones
- Mobile Phone Forensics
- Using Cellebrite
- Advertiser ID Geolocation Analysis
- Location analysis of Wi-Fi and GPS location data from Apple and Google
- Advanced Cold Case Investigations with Google Geofence data

Date and Time

Monday to Tuesday, Sept. 18 and 19

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Homeland Security Education Center (HEC), Room 2032

Hours: 16

Tuition: \$225

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