

## **COURTROOM SURVIVAL TECHNIQUES**

February 9, 2016 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Location:

Milwaukee County Sheriff's Training Academy 9225 South 68<sup>th</sup> Street Franklin, WI 53132

**Prerequisite:** Students must be employed by a government agency.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** Most law enforcement officers receive little, if any, formal training regarding courtroom testimony. Oftentimes they are left to wing it or to learn-as-they-go. As a result, testifying can oftentimes be an anxiety-producing experience that leaves the officer wishing for a "do over."

The courtroom is a different world. The nuances of effective testimony can be easily overlooked by the law enforcement official who underestimates their importance. With television shows and the news media greatly shaping the public's perception of law enforcement, today's officer on the witness stand faces an uphill battle if he/she is not equipped with tips for testifying.

The Courtroom Testimony training course focuses on bringing the law enforcement officer mentally into the courtroom. This one day course will teach officers the do's and don'ts of testifying. They will learn how and why a personal connection must be made with the judge/jury, and how to identify and protect their personal credibility. Officers will learn when and why they may be called to the witness stand and the importance as well as the limitations of testifying. Preparation tips will be provided to minimize the risks inherently associated with testifying. In addition, specific techniques will be presented to teach officers how to counter common/favorite tactics used by defense attorneys.

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND:** Law Enforcement Officers, Intelligence Analysts, Investigators, and Task Force Officers

**DRESS CODE:** Business Casual

**APPLY FOR TRAINING:** To register, go to <a href="www.whidta.org">www.whidta.org</a> - Locate the event on the training calendar and select the <a href="Apply For Training">Apply For Training</a> link. Or, submit your request to attend e-mail to Jana Macemon.

**CONTACT:** Training Coordinator, Jana Macemon at <u>jmacemon@wisconsinhidta.org</u> or 414-220-4766

**Cost:** NO COST! Students and/or their agency are responsible for any related costs (travel, meals, lodging, etc.).