



TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

UTILIZING INFORMANTS IN COVERT OPERATIONS

April 21 & 22, 2016

0800-1700

The United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Florida and the Center for Public Safety Innovation at St. Petersburg College are pleased to announce that the Project Safe Neighborhoods Violent Gang and Gun Crime Reduction Program will conduct a two day class on Utilizing Informants in Covert Operations. The training is being held at St. Petersburg College Allstate Center. There are no fees or costs to attend the training.

This course is designed to prepare law enforcement and military investigative personnel in developing, cultivating, and safely utilizing confidential informants (C.I.'s) when conducting criminal investigations within the direction and guidelines of their respective government agencies. Law enforcement professionals trained in properly handling C.I.'s are more effective in safely gathering crucial intelligence that can successfully penetrate the various levels of criminal organizations, gangs, or terrorist groups. Utilizing C.I.'s is an essential tool that must be handled safely to protect the integrity of any operation as well as the officers and agencies involved. The focus of this course is to provide law enforcement personnel with specialized training that will assist in developing the knowledge and skill level needed to effectively and professionally utilize informants during patrol duties, street-level operations, and complex criminal investigations. Specific attention will be given to reviewing and understanding Rachel's Law. Class is restricted to sworn law enforcement officers and personnel assigned directly to law enforcement agencies.

Topics Covered in the Training Include:

- Understanding the benefits of C.I.'s in any criminal investigation
- Recognizing, selecting, and cultivating successful C.I.'s
- Assessing a C.I.'s abilities, potential, motivators, and lifestyle
- Applicable rules and regulations, statutes and case law (Rachel's Law)
- Protecting the C.I., the handler, the agency, and everyone involved
- Guidelines and procedures for handling C.I.'s
- Building rapport and effective communication skills
- Ethical and professional relationships with C.I.'s
- Stages of covert operations and the utilization of informants
- Operational concerns, liability, and case studies
- Courtroom preparation

When and Where:

The training event will be held on April 21 & 22, 2016 hosted by the Center for Public Safety Innovation at St. Petersburg College Allstate Center, 3200 – 34th Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33711, room 103, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Dress is business casual. For questions or additional information, please contact St. Petersburg College PSN Training Coordinator Gail Walker at 727-344-8020 or by e-mail at walker.gail@spcollege.edu.

To register please visit the RCPI website: <http://cop.spcollege.edu/cop/Registration.htm> or link to: http://cpsireg.spcollege.edu/og_register.aspx?21343.

⇒ Instructor Information





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Instructors:

Dr. Robert Diemer is the Director of Graduate Studies in Criminal Justice at Saint Leo University, Saint Leo, FL. Dr. Diemer retired as a career law enforcement officer with over 27 years of varied investigative experience. He has extensive knowledge in the area of undercover operations and an expertise in drug enforcement investigations. Dr. Diemer has served as a Deputy Sheriff, State Coordinator for the Florida Sheriff's Association Statewide Task Force, and Chief of Investigations for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Law Enforcement. Dr. Diemer holds an Associate of Arts and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice, a Master of Education Degree, and a Doctorate Degree in Criminology and Social Psychology.

Mr. Scott McEver is retired law enforcement professional with over 30 years of experience. He most recently served as a Lieutenant in Special Operations with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Division of Law Enforcement Criminal Investigations Bureau. Mr. McEver began his law enforcement career in the Daytona Beach, FL area in 1974 and has worked in the areas of criminal investigations, narcotics, and covert operations. He has also worked undercover with motorcycle gangs and has extensive experience with electronic covert surveillance operations. Since May 1988, Mr. McEver has been involved with police training in the development of narcotics and undercover courses for IPTM and other state and federal organizations, including the multijurisdictional program in Mississippi and the MCTFT program in St. Petersburg, FL. Mr. McEver holds an AA degree in Criminal Justice from Daytona Community College and a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Thomas Edison University. He is a certified law enforcement trainer in the State of Florida, as well as an instructor for firearms, defensive tactics, asp baton, and other high liability areas. He is certified as a DEA Advanced Narcotics Investigator and Technical Surveillance Certified. He is also haz-mat and clan lab certified.

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