

# CURRENT DRUG TRENDS: THE IMPACT OF HEROIN AND FENTANYL

The increase of prescription drugs has led to the drastic proliferation of heroin abuse in our society and the emergence of fentanyl analogues. This tuition-free, 8-hour Multijurisdictional Counterdrug Task Force Training course will provide students with an understanding of factors that influence the use and abuse of heroin and fentanyl. Starting with the history of opium, participants will explore the evolution of opium and opiates leading to fentanyl and the impact on law enforcement investigations and the communities they serve. The course will discuss safe handling of substances, precautions when encountering those who abuse opiates and opioids, and securing evidence.

## Course topics include:

- History of Opium
- Factors Leading to Abuse
- Methods of Drug Ingestion
- Drug Interactions with the Body
- Signs of Opiate/Opioid Use
- Long Term Effects on the Body
- Heroin, Opiates, and Opioids
- Substances Used in Conjunction with Opioids Opiates
- Fentanyl
- Naloxone
- Dangers of Drug Substance
- Officer Safety

**December 14, 2018**

**8 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

**St. Petersburg College  
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**This tuition-free course is  
provided by:**



Instructor Duane Tompkins retired as a Lieutenant from the Enfield Connecticut Police Department, where he commanded the Detective Division. Mr. Tompkins' law enforcement career began in 1987. He has held various assignments and positions during his law enforcement career, including rank of Lieutenant, accreditation manager, and Patrol Supervisor. He was selected by the Chief of Police and assigned to the Statewide Narcotics Task Force for eighteen months. During that time, he conducted various short and long-term narcotics and trafficking-related investigations, closure of clubs through nuisance abatement, and was involved in the planning, briefing, and execution of numerous search warrants. Prior to his assignment with Statewide Narcotics, Mr. Tompkins was assigned as a Detective to the department's narcotics investigation unit. Mr. Tompkins has also served as Field Training Officer and community policing officer. Mr. Tompkins is also a former Vice President and currently serves as Secretary of the Connecticut Narcotic Enforcement Officers' Association. Mr. Tompkins has a Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Western New England College, has completed the Drug Enforcement Administration Narcotics Officer's Course, been a certified EMT for thirty-four years, a certified law enforcement trainer in various states, and doctoral student.

## Registration Link:

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