

# GANG INVESTIGATIVE TECHNIQUES

This tuition-free, 16-hour Multijurisdictional Counterdrug Task Force Training course is for the street patrol officer, investigator, or detective who is assigned to a criminal street gang unit or investigation. This course will develop an in-depth working knowledge of the laws regarding criminal street gangs and the origins, trends, methods of operation, criminality, and drug activity of the most commonly encountered criminal street gangs. This understanding will then facilitate a thorough investigation (to include ethics, officer safety, and documentation) to prepare the case for successful prosecution.

## Course topics include:

- Identification and classification of gang members and associates
- Strategies for combating criminal street gangs i.e., suppression and prosecution of gangs
- History of gang alliances and rivalries
- Legislation regarding criminal street gangs
- Transnational gangs/domestic terrorist groups
- Documentation, gang intelligence files, and case file management
- Ethical issues and solutions when dealing with gang members
- Common methods of operation used by gangs
- Reading and analyzing gang communications
- Critical officer safety strategies

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

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