



Drug & Gang Related Homicide Investigations

August 2, 2010

**COURSE LOCATION: El Paso Sheriff's Region VIII Training Academy
12501 Montana Ave.
El Paso, Texas 79938**

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The West Texas HIDTA, in conjunction with Professional Law Enforcement Training (PLET), presents this 8-hour course - "Gang and Drug Related Homicide Investigations". TCLEOSE credit will be available for Texas Peace Officers.

Course Goal

Drug & Gang related homicides are occurring at alarming rates within the United States. News headlines across America constantly read "Mexican Drug War Spreads North of Border into U.S". These violent murders are not just limited to border cities and towns along the Mexican/U.S. border. Drug dealers and gang members are responsible for drive by shootings, home invasions, and violent murders in cities all across the United States. Law enforcement professionals must aggressively investigate these violent acts. If the perpetrators are not apprehended quickly, more violence will likely occur, injuring or killing innocent civilians.

This course is designed to expose the fact that a large number of murders occurring in America are somehow related to drugs and/or gangs. The course will also delve into the extreme violence associated with these murders. The overall goal of this training program is to acquaint the novice investigator with all facets of investigating homicides that are drug and gang related. Attendees will become familiar with identifying persons associated with gangs, as well as those who purport themselves to be gang members. They will also discover that most of these gangs are nothing more than a group of loose knit individuals. The course will enable the investigator to immediately interpret what he or she sees, the moment they arrive at the crime scene. The investigator will be able to analyze the construction of the crime scene, in addition to being able to recognize certain things which indicate that the homicide is drug or gang related.

Overview of topics

- Learn the true definition of a gang
- Learn how to identify individuals within your communities who operate under the true definition
- Receive graphic exposure (videos) to the various types of violence associated with drug & gang related homicides
- Methods to identify the victim in regards to their drug or gang affiliation
- Victimology in piecing together the puzzle
- Examination of home invasion robberies to determine if they are drug/gang related
- Processing crime scenes with multiple victims
- Importance of properly processing crime scene
- Dissemination of information
- Interviewing witnesses
- Preparation of charts to connect the dots
- Development of suspects
- Proper administration of Miranda Warning
- Conducting successful interrogations
- Case file management/Preparation of criminal case
- Proper courtroom testimony

There is no cost to the attendees or their agencies, except for per diem, if applicable. This course is limited to 60 students and is open to federal, state and local law enforcement officers. Criminal intelligence analysts, program analysts and military personnel assigned to counterdrug activities in a HIDTA may also attend on a space-available basis.

If you are interested in attending this class, please contact Christina Zanella, (915) 532-2560 or fax (915) 532-9593. A course enrollment form will be sent to you. A list of hotels honoring current government rates and a map to the training facility will be provided to those who need it. The student must provide tax-exempt certifications for their lodging.



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