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## Training Announcement

*South Texas HIDTA presents:*

*Patrol Officer Drug Investigations*

**DATE: May 25-26, 2017**

**LOCATION: STX HIDTA**

**4204 Woodcock, Suite 100, San Antonio, TX 78228**

**TIME: 8:00am to 5:00pm**

**COST: None**

**Class Limit: 60**

**Dress: Uniform or business casual**

### Course Description

Drug-related crimes are impacting every community across the United States. Law enforcement agencies devote a tremendous amount of resources to combat illegal narcotic activity. Uniform patrol officers are in a prime position to target drug offenders. From the drug addict, to the upper-level dealers, patrol officers must be prepared to handle these unpredictable criminals.

There are various techniques and tactics that patrol officers can utilize to be more effective at arresting drug violators. The officers must be familiar with basic drug identification as well as search and seizure case law. Knock & Talk operations, when conducted properly, can be a very successful tactic to combat illegal narcotic trafficking. Officers must receive proper training and understand the limitations of knock & talks in order for this tactic to be effective. All too often, drug dealers are arrested, prosecuted, and found "not guilty" due to poor report writing or officer testimony in court.

Proper report writing and courtroom testimony are necessary to secure a conviction and send the drug violator to prison. Officers will receive tips for testifying along with terminology that should be included in drug arrest reports.

Narcotic investigations are extremely dangerous in nature. Patrol officers often encounter armed drug traffickers who are willing to protect their drug stashes at all costs. Officer safety concerns while investigating drug offenses will be studied.

The majority of Patrol Officer Drug courses across the country focus on highway interdiction. The primary focus of this 2 day training course is teaching patrol officers proven techniques that will assist them in investigating narcotic offenses in their communities. After attending this course, patrol officers will have the resources and training to seize larger quantities of drugs, firearms, and U.S. currency.

Topics Covered

- Understanding Drug Dealer Mindset
- Drug Identification
- Field-Test Procedures
- Responding to Drug House Complaints
- Search and Seizure Case Law
- Knock & Talk Operations
- Consent Searches
- Vehicle Stops & Terry Frisks
- Concealment Methods
- Uniformed Foot Surveillance
- Report Writing
- Courtroom Testimony
- Violent Encounters with Armed Drug Dealers

Registration link: paste into your browser; <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5Y66P5K>

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