Patrol Officer Drug Investigations

April 30 – May 1, 2018
0800-1700
Permian Basin LE Training Academy
4214 FM 307, Midland, TX 79706

The West Texas HIDTA, in conjunction with PLET presents this 16-hour course - "Patrol Officer Drug Investigations".

*** This course is eligible for TCOLE credit hours. 2024**

Course Goal

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

There is no cost to the attendees or their agencies, except for per diem, if applicable. This course is limited to 45 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 Antoinette Flores, AntFlores@epcounty.com (915) 532-2560 or fax (915) 532-9931. A course enrollment form will be sent to you.