Ohio High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area

★ Northern Kentucky ★ Ohio ★ Western Pennsylvania ★

Advanced Meth Investigations Course

WHEN	WHERE	COST
7/19/27	Allegheny County, PA	Free

Course Description

Methamphetamine, a potent and highly addictive stimulant, remains an extremely serious problem in the United States. In some areas of the country, it poses an even greater threat than opioids, and it is the drug that most contributes to violent crime.

The history of meth from how it all started, to who controlled the trade from outlaw motorcycle gangs to the Mexican Cartels. Learn about the Jalisco New Generation Cartel who control the majority of methamphetamine production and distribution today. The importation and transportation tactics used by the cartels to distribute it across the United States.

Although meth labs have decreased across the United States, there are still meth labs located all over the country and the dangers are extremely volatile to law enforcement and the community. We will identify the chemicals used, hazards and cooking process of Red-P/Iodine, Birch Reduction/Nazi, One Pot/Shake & Bake and Liquid Meth conversation labs. A brief overview regarding common dangers and proper safety equipment will be provided.

Current meth trends involving other drugs combined with meth have increased heavily in the last couple years. Discuss these poly drug combos, what to look for, and photos of the drugs.

Conducting an interdiction investigation is a skillful craft needed because it is based on consensual encounters. What to look for with indicators, body language and common questions to ask. Hidden compartments can be anything from voided areas to very sophisticated hidden compartments with hydraulic access.

More criminals today, including the Mexican Cartels, are utilizing cryptocurrency to purchase narcotics on the dark web as well as use it as a preferred payment method when selling due to anonymity and harder for law enforcement to track. We will discuss dark web marketplaces, shipping methods, cryptocurrency and the type of wallets being used to move the cryptocurrency.

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Topics Covered

History of Methamphetamine	Manufacturing Methods	Current Trends
Importation/Transportation/Distribution	Interdiction Investigations	Using Dark Web, Crypto & Postal

Instructor Bio



Joe Pannullo is a retired Police Officer with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, where he worked for 22 years. He spent the last 18 years as a Detective assigned to the Narcotics Section. During his 18 years in the Narcotics Section, Joe was assigned to the Clandestine Lab Team and Street Level Narcotics Team, was a sworn Federal Task Force Officer (TFO) assigned to a DEA Task Force for five years and was a Training Coordinator for the Narcotics Section.

Joe worked undercover for ten years both on the Street Team dealing with low & mid-level dealers as well as working undercover on the DEA Task Force dealing with mainly Cartel Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTO). He is a certified expert witness by the courts for clandestine drug labs, undercover operations, and general narcotics-related operations.

Career Highlights

- ★ Certified expert witness by the courts for clandestine drug labs
- ★ Medal of Honor
- ★ Narcotic Investigator and a Crisis Negotiator
- ★ Meritorious Service Award
- ★ Taught reaching Social Median Investigations for LVMPD
- ★ Life Saving Award
- ★ Narcotics Detective of the Decade Award

How to Register

Interested students can register for this course directly on the Ohio HIDTA Training website. To do so, please click or scan the QR code and submit the online registration form.

A confirmation email will be sent to confirm your enrollment in the class.