Ohio High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area

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Knock & Talk Investigations Course

WHEN	WHERE	COST
8/24/2027	Allegheny County, PA	Free

Course Description

Knock & Talk operations, when conducted properly, can be a very successful tactic to combat illegal criminal activity. One of the most difficult aspects of conducting knock & talk operations is gaining voluntary consent to enter a residence and conduct a search.

Officers must put themselves able to win. This starts with the initial approach to the residence, knocking on the door, and the tone and demeanor presented by the officers. There are numerous Supreme Court rulings that dictate proper ways officers should carry out knock & talks.

The 4th Amendment of the constitution governs illegal search and seizures. Officers must have a clear understanding of the 4th Amendment and current case law to conduct knock & talk operations legally.

In recent years, several knock & talk operations have turned into deadly encounters. Officers must conduct preoperational briefings and cover all tactical considerations prior to initiating a knock & talk operation.

The post operational tactics for taking it to the next level. The proper interviews and gaining cooperation that leads to the next door.

This intense one-day training course will provide in-depth information and proper techniques & tactics for officers to conduct knock & talks.

Topics Covered

- Knock & Talk Operations
- Up-to-Date Case Law
- Obtaining Voluntary Consent
- 4th Amendment Considerations
- Tactical Considerations
- Violent Encounters
- Implementation of Knock & Talk Policy & Procedures

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Instructor Bio



Steve Grammas began his law enforcement career at the age of 18 after graduating high school. After 2.5 years of working as a patrol assistant (Cadet,) Steve went to the police academy. After graduating near the top of his class, Steve worked in the patrol field as an officer, field training officer, and eventually assigned to a plain-clothes investigative assignment conducting plain clothes investigations as well as drafting arrest/ search warrants.

Steve transferred to the narcotics section in 2009 where he worked on a street team, mid-level team and a pharmaceutical investigation team. While assigned, Steve was an active case agent and undercover officer. In 2014, Steve was chosen to represent officers as a full-time released union steward. In 2016, Steve was elected President of the union, a position he retired at on October 23, 2026.

Steve holds his associate degree in Criminal Justice out of Eastern Gateway Community College. Steve also obtained his blue belt in Brazilian jiu jitsu and has competed in the North American Grapplers Association. Steve had also instructed with Chad Lyman of Code 4 combative in police jiu jitsu. He has also been with PLET as an instructor for 2 years.

Career Highlights

- **24+ years with Las Vegas Metropolitan PD**
- **Certified in Force Science Investigations**
- **6 year Narcotics detective/undercover officer**
- **AAS degree in Criminal Justice**
- **Conducted hundreds of UC buy programs**
- **Instructor in Police Jiu Jitsu**
- **Drafted over 100 search warrants**

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.