



Southern Illinois Criminal Justice Training Program

Mobile Team Unit 15

Training Announcement

Name of Class			Class ID#	Course ID#
911 – Is the Caller the Killer?			132494	73905
Date of Training	Time	Hours	Location	
March 6 & 7, 2023	0830-1630	16	Williamson County Pavilion 1602 Sioux Drive, Marion, IL	

Course Description

This course is designed for those who investigate and prosecute homicides focusing on the call made by all individuals during 911 homicide calls. Thirty percent of all murderers call in their own crime in an attempt to prove their innocence. The Indicators of Guilt and Innocence will be explained during this training. Each Indicator is thoroughly defined, and the class will use tools to analyze actual 911 homicide cases in class.

This course will raise student awareness of the importance of examining 911 calls made by individuals reporting death or homicide. Skills to raise their awareness of the deception of these types of callers will also be provided. Techniques will be offered that will assist investigators in obtaining valuable information about the offender and the offense from a critical analysis of the recorded call.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this training participants will have gained an understanding of:

Indicators of Innocence

- Plea for help
- Voice modulation
- Verbal Reaction
- Self-correction

Indicators of Guilt

- Extraneous Information
- Inappropriateness Politeness
- Acceptance of Death
- Acceptance of death when relationship exists
- Possession of a problem
- Insulting/blaming the victim
- Minimizing “just” in communication
- The “Huh Factor”
- Repetition
- Conflicting facts
- Resistance to answer

Instructor

Deputy Chief (Ret.) Tracy Harpster is a thirty-year veteran of the Moraine, Ohio Police Department. He has served as a patrolman, Sergeant, Detective Sergeant, and Lieutenant in various assignments including supervising the Tactical Crime Suppression Narcotics Unit, The FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force, and the Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission. Chief Harpster has a Master of Science in Criminal Justice from the University of Cincinnati and Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Bowling Green State University. He is a 2004 Graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Chief Harpster is a nationally renowned authority and has published extensively on the analysis of 911 calls. Chief Harpster has co-authored an article entitled, "911 Homicide Call and Statement Analysis: Is the Caller the Killer?" in multiple publications.

Mandates Met by This Training

16-Hours for Lead Homicide Investigator

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