



Southern Illinois Criminal Justice Training Program

Mobile Team Unit 15

Training Announcement

Name of Training		Class ID#	Course ID#
Illegal Substances Law Update & De-Criminalization of Cannabis (2020) – Distant Learning Class		108467	70479
Date(s) of Training	Time	Hours	Location
September 16, 2020	0830 – 1230 Hrs.	4	MTU 15 Headquarters 1740 Innovation Drive, Room 241 Carbondale, IL

Course Description

Few other topics have such a direct impact upon Illinois law enforcement agencies as does the status of offenses against the manufacture, possession and/or use of illegal substances. Illinois criminal offenses involving illegal substances or items will be analyzed in this presentation. The evolution of specific offenses against illegal substances or items will be illustrated. The Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the Cannabis Control Act, and the Methamphetamine Control and Community Welfare Act will be illustrated and discussed along with numerous topics relating to this subject. Recent Illinois Legislation, Case Law, and Law Enforcement policies regarding illegal substances and items will be discussed. The goal of this presentation is to offer guidance to Illinois Law Enforcement agencies in enforcing illegal substances laws and provide information and publications that will assist the agencies in performing their duties in this area of the law.

Course Objectives

This presentation includes:

- ✓ A complete update of all legislative changes to the laws concerning illegal substances over the past five years.
- ✓ Analysis of the recently enacted Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act (the de-criminalization of cannabis)
- ✓ The modification of the Medical Cannabis Pilot Program Act (including the now authorized “grow your own” authority).
- ✓ Recent case law concerning the Conceal Carry Act (including possession near or in parks, public housing and carrying concealed TASERs).
- ✓ Current statutes involving:
 - Controlled Substances:
 - Methamphetamine
 - Cannabis
 - Alcohol for purposes of DUI
 - Tobacco with respect to minors (including the de-criminalization of possession of tobacco for minors).
- ✓ A case law analysis will be provided illustrating each of these substances. Specific topics to be “The Bath Salts Control Act”, synthetic cannabinoids, and cathinones; along with discussions of “hot topic” areas that have been dealt with by the Illinois legislature and the court

Instructor

Don Hays is an Attorney-at-Law, and former Macoupin County, Illinois State’s Attorney. Don previously served with the Illinois Appellate Prosecutor’s office for 30 years as a Staff Attorney and as Senior Staff Counsel. He was in charge of the Continuing Legal Education Division that included continuing legal education for Illinois State’s Attorneys and law enforcement officers. Don retired in 2008 and continues to instruct police officers throughout the state.

Mandates Met by This Training

- Legal Updates

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