



Southern Illinois Criminal Justice Training Program

Mobile Team Unit 15

Training Announcement

Name of Training			Class ID#	Course ID#
Evidence Law Analysis & Update			121361Z	70522
Date(s) of Training	Time	Hours	Location	
November 16, 2021	0830 – 1230 Hrs.	4	Your Office via Zoom	

Course Description

It is vital that all law enforcement officers develop a good understanding the recognition, collection, preservation, use, and disposal of evidence. The Illinois Legislature has created its own set of rules concerning how evidence is dealt with in criminal justice cases. Additionally, the Courts have adopted its own Rules of Evidence. Finally, each agency has its own policies and procedures concerning how their officers are expected to deal with evidence of criminal activity discovered as officers perform their duties.

This presentation will cover all aspects of this subject. It will identify the statutory provides and court rules concerning the collection and use of evidence in Illinois. The most recent criminal justice cases will be identified and analyzed to illustrate the appropriate methods of recognizing and handling evidence of criminal activity and to illustrate some of the problem areas Illinois Law Enforcement Officials face when dealing with such evidence. The ultimate goal of the Evidence Law Analysis and Update is to “de-mystify” the use of criminal justice evidence and assist Illinois Law Enforcement Officers in performing their duties.

Course Objectives

Attendees will learn about the following:

- ✓ Problems that arise concerning the collection of evidence
- ✓ The creation of report writing, and application of trial testimony
- ✓ The most recent legislation and case law dealing with these topics
- ✓ The criminal process will be examined from its beginning to its end with special explanations concerning the importance of accurate and professional evidence collection
- ✓ “Chain of custody”
- ✓ Expert testimony
- ✓ Motions to suppress or exclude evidence
- ✓ The preservation and destruction of evidence
- ✓ The creation and use evidence and trial depositions
- ✓ Subpoena practice
- ✓ Examples of problem areas of evidence collection, report-writing, and trial testimony

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 oversaw 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

- Civil Rights
- Constitutional Use of Law Enforcement Authority
- Legal Updates
- Lead Homicide Investigator

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