



Southern Illinois Criminal Justice Training Program

Mobile Team Unit 15

Training Announcement

Name of Training			Class ID#	Course ID#
Law & Order: 40-Hour Lead Homicide Investigator			200179	73864
Date(s) of Training	Time	Hours	Location	
December 1-5, 2025	8:30-4:30	40	Carbondale PD 501 S. Washington St. Carbondale, IL	

Course Description

The program includes an in-depth review of a diverse combination of homicide cases and provides strategic tactics in the apprehension and prosecution of the offender(s) Using actual investigations this course offers a diverse collection of case studios, videos and laws specific to homicide investigations. This comprehensive seminar provides instruction in conducting investigations and prosecuting death cases from the start of the investigation through evidence collection, suspect interviews, press conferences, trial testimony and ultimately conviction.

It is purposely designed to provide expert "in-the-field" instruction from the initial crime scene through a successful verdict. It will feature interactive lecture and discussions of actual case histories, videos, statutes, and laws specific to Illinois.

Course Objectives

Topics include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Managing & Evaluating the Crime Scene ✓ Death Notifications ✓ Investigative Tactics ✓ Death Certification ✓ Handling the News Media | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Multiple Methods of Interview & Interrogation ✓ Cause and Manner of Death – Autopsy ✓ Development of COLD CASE Leads ✓ TASK FORCE Operations ✓ False Confessions ✓ 4th Amendment – Evidence, GSR, Speaking |
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Instructors



Lou Tessmann retired as Deputy Chief for Waukegan Police. A former Commander of the elite Lake County Major Crime Task Force, Lou has conducted thousands of interviews and interrogations and obtained over 80 homicide confessions. Lou has delivered law enforcement training course (mostly on homicide investigation) throughout the country as well as internationally. He has appeared on The Discovery Channel, America's Most Wanted, and Dateline NBC.

Mandates Met by this Training

This course is ILETSB approved for the following mandates: Civil Rights, Human Rights, Cultural Competency, Officer Wellness & Mental Health, Constitutional & Proper use of Law Enforcement Authority, Legal Updates Procedural Justice, and Lead Homicide Investigator