



# OREGON-IDAHO HIDTA PROGRAM

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## Critical Thinking for Law Enforcement

Class # 5 of a 5 of an analyst certification tract provided by Police Technical

**LOCATION** - Oregon Public Safety Academy, C109  
4190 Aumsville Hwy, Salem Oregon

**DATE & TIME** - Tuesday, September 13th - Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

**Cost: Free**

**Attendance Limited to 45 Students**

### **SYNOPSIS**

How do we think? How do we make decisions? are two important questions for law enforcement personnel and analysts. The process by which LE professionals make decisions can impact and affect scores of lives, both internal to our departments and the public at large. In a concise two-day course, personnel are active in discussing and applying the concepts by which we make our decisions. Case studies and small groups activities transform a potentially “dry subject”, into what many LE professional indicate was “one of the most important courses of their careers”.

### **Who Should Attend**

This class is designed for detectives, patrol officers, and analysts.

### **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

#### *Day One*

- Define Critical Thinking
  - Relevance to LE/Analysis
- Common Intellectual Principles
- Critically Reading/Writing
- Claims/Arguments
  - Analyze
  - Construct
  - Fallacies
  - Hypotheses
- Thinking
  - How do we think?
  - Bias
  - Asking the right questions
- Where do we get our information (Data)?
- Sources
  - Primary/Secondary
- How to distinguish “good data”

## ***Day Two***

- Allowing the data/evidence to lead
  - 5W's & How
  - Inferences / theories
  - What is evidence?
- Problem Identification
  - Research questions
- Decision Making
- Systems/Processes/Procedures
  - Problems
  - Recognition vs. solve
- Impact of Technology
- Creating Intelligence Products using Critical Thinking
- Speaking Truth to Power
  - Informing decision makers
  - Dispelling misconceptions/conventional wisdom
  - Maintaining professional integrity

## **INSTRUCTORS**

Instructors are provided by Police Technical

## **REGISTRATION**

The course is limited to 24 students. Registration for this course is **Free**.

Event registration may be completed **online** by clicking on register.

## **REGISTER**

**You will receive an email indicating that you have been enrolled in the training.**

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