

WORKSHOP

Fentanyl & Other Deadly Drug Investigations



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The Opioid Crisis has plagued the United States for over a decade. Current data from the DEA Laboratory reveals that 6 out of every 10 fentanyl-laced fake prescription pills contain a potentially lethal dose of fentanyl. The unique challenge presented by these low concentration by highly potent counterfeit pills requires special training for law enforcement to investigate.

This workshop will provide an overview of the rise of opioid epidemic in the US and particularly, the rise of fentanyl. Through the use of real-life case studies, attendees will learn how to safely respond and investigate the scene of an overdose. The workshop will prepare attendees to act in an undercover role by using social media to identify and investigate suspected distributors of counterfeit pills and fentanyl powder. An overview of various federal charges related to overdoses and overdose deaths will help prepare attendees for successful prosecution. **This workshop is ideal for detectives, patrol officers, and supervisors, chemist, and Prosecutors.**

There is no cost to attend. Lunch will be provided at no charge.

Date: December 12, 2024

Location: Louisa County Office
Building, 1 Woolfolk Ave., Louisa,
VA . 23093 Time: 8 to 3

Speakers:

- Dean Cardinale, Detective, Fresno Police Dept.
- Bruce Gentner, Senior Law Enforcement Trainer, 908 Devices
- Tamara Keller, Forensic Chemist 908

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About the Speakers:

Dean Cardinale is a Detective with the Fresno Police Dept. (FPD). For the last 10 years, Dean has been in the Major Narcotics Unit where he has worked over 300 drug investigations. Since 2016, Dean has been a Task Force Officer for the DEA in Fresno, CA and he has recently created the Fentanyl Overdose Resolution Team which consists of members from DEA and HSI. Dean was featured in the Emmy nominated documentary "Killer High: The Silent Crisis." Dean taught the CA Narcotics Officers Assoc. on fentanyl overdoses and investigations and has also received numerous awards for his work in training and investigations of drug crimes.

Bruce Gentner is a Senior Law Enforcement Trainer for 908 Devices. Bruce worked for 24+ years in law enforcement in patrol, narcotics, and on federal drug task forces, and retired from the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Dept. Bruce worked for 18 years as a case agent and undercover detective and has extensive experience in night club drug investigations, clandestine methamphetamine labs, marijuana grow operations, and fentanyl/synthetic drug operations. Bruce has worked on a HIDTA interdiction and DEA Task Force, as well as with FBI, HSI, and Nevada Gaming.

Tamara Keller is a Forensic scientist and Technical Trainer with 908, Tamara graduated from Northern Arizona University in 1995 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminalistics/Forensic Chemistry. She joined the Drug Enforcement Administration South Central Laboratory in 1997 and continued her career as a Senior Forensic Chemist until her retirement in 2015, She went back to graduate school at Oklahoma State University and completed her Master's in Forensic Science in 2022

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