



# MIDWEST COUNTERDRUG TRAINING CENTER

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## Video Surveillance for Drug Investigations

**Tuesday-Thursday, May 5-7, 2026**

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### REGISTRATION

This course is restricted to US military law enforcement personnel along with other local, state, and federal civilian law enforcement employees to include criminal analysts, and corrections officers.

**THERE IS NO COST TO ATTEND THIS COURSE.**

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

This 3-day course teaches the techniques and skills needed to shoot daytime, night, moving, and long-range Surveillance Video with camcorders, mirrorless cameras, bridge cameras, phones, and other video equipment. Students receive hands-on experience with state-of-the-art systems, focusing on both long-range and covert surveillance techniques. Students learn how to plan effective surveillance operations, develop situational awareness for safe practices, and receive guidance tailored to all experience levels- from beginners to seasoned videographers.

**The program includes classroom instruction, practical exercises, and individual video reviews by the instructor.**

### COURSE TOPICS

- The Power of Video As a Source of Evidence
- Recording with Video Cameras, Covert Cameras, Pole Cameras, and Optics
- The Elements of Video Continuity
- How to Document Surveillance
- Automatic and Manual Focus
- Optical Zoom, Digital Zoom, and Telephoto Lenses
- Safely Shooting Surveillance Video And Other Forms Of Uncontrolled Action
- Low-Light Exterior Practical Exercises with Video Cameras, Night Vision Devices, and IR Illuminators
- Recording Evidence-Grade Audio from Covert Receivers and Other Sources
- Using Interchangeable Video Lenses With Compatible Video Cameras

#### FULL COURSE DESCRIPTION



### STUDENT EQUIPMENT

While not required, students are encouraged to bring agency-provided video cameras, night scopes or night recording devices, and covert audio and video recorders. The instructor will help students maximize their current equipment's recording capabilities.

#### COURSE DAILY SCHEDULE

Day 1:  
8am-5pm

Day 2:  
1pm-9:30pm

Day 3:  
8am-2:30pm