



# MIDWEST COUNTERDRUG TRAINING CENTER

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## RURAL PATROL DRUG INTERDICTION

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## REGISTRATION

Registration is restricted to local, tribal, state, federal, and military law enforcement officers.

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

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course equips rural law enforcement officers with the legal knowledge and practical skills needed for narcotics-related arrests, searches, and seizures. It addresses the unique challenges of conducting drug interdiction in rural areas, such as recognizing signs of narcotics activity during traffic stops and applying effective vehicle search techniques to detect drug traffickers.

Officers will learn to disrupt drug trafficking operations, identify precursor chemicals, and understand common trafficking methods. The course emphasizes the importance of interagency cooperation and information sharing to combat narcotics threats, money laundering, and potential terrorism links. The course also introduces low-cost equipment and strategies for handling situations when backup is unavailable to address the limited resources available to many rural agencies.



## TOPICS INCLUDED

- Common law enforcement officer mindset errors and amendments
- Traffic stop and observational techniques for identification of possible criminal narcotics activity
- Roadside interviewing techniques including listening skill techniques and answer analysis
- Clandestine and rolling laboratory identification
- Identification of the signs of drug impairment in the human body
- Drug and paraphernalia identification
- Vehicle search techniques