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WRITING NARCOTIC SEARCH WARRANTS

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Duluth Public Safety Building
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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

Writing Narcotic Search Warrants is designed to educate students on the essential elements needed to write and obtain a search warrant while conducting criminal investigations. Participants will learn to compose affidavits that articulate a clear, concise and factual basis for search warrants, focusing on federal and state constitutional requirements for establishing probable cause.

Rather than filling in templates, students will master the principles of affidavit and warrant writing, including how to incorporate informant information while preserving confidentiality of the informant's identity.

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

Students should bring a laptop computer to complete the practical exercises.



FULL COURSE
DESCRIPTION



TOPICS INCLUDED

- Purpose Of A Search Warrant
- Types And Nuances Of Different Search Warrants
- Federal And State Specific Constitutional Requirements
- Basis For, And Effective Development Of, The Affidavit Under Differing Facts/Circumstances
- Contents Of The Warrant
- Documentation Of Probable Cause
- Relaying Information From Informants Without Compromising The Informant's Identity
- Suppression Hearings
- Civil Liability
- Criminal Liability
- Defending Search Warrants In Court
- Legal Considerations For Financial Investigations