



NY/NJ HIDTA TRAINING ALERT

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Enrollment Status	NO FEE associated with this class Registration Instructions Below
Course	Conversation with a Purpose: Building Rapport, Developing Intelligence
When	OCT 8, 2026
Where	26 FEDERAL PLAZA
Time	Sign in 8:30am /Start time 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Attire is Casual, Law Enforcement Personnel Only
Instructed By: Erin Casey LLC	Sponsored By: NY/NJ HIDTA Hosted By: Federal Protective Service U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Course Description:

Building Rapport. Developing Intelligence.

Every contact between a law enforcement professional and a member of the public presents an opportunity to gather information, build trust, and improve public safety and it's perception. Whether speaking with a victim, witness, suspect, offender, or community member, the ability to communicate with purpose is one of the most valuable skills an officer can possess.

Conversation with a Purpose™ is an engaging one-day training program that introduces officers to practical communication strategies designed to strengthen rapport, improve information gathering, and identify intelligence opportunities during everyday law enforcement encounters.

Participants will learn a proven framework for guiding conversations, asking purposeful questions, recognizing opportunities to develop actionable intelligence, and enhancing investigative outcomes through effective communication. The course combines real-world examples, interactive discussion, live demonstrations, and practical exercises that officers can immediately apply in the field.

This course is designed for officers at every stage of their career and provides practical techniques that can be used during patrol operations, investigations, corrections, traffic enforcement, community engagement, and specialized assignments.

Participants will leave with a new perspective on everyday interactions and the confidence to transform routine conversations into meaningful intelligence opportunities.

Goals and objectives

- Recognize intelligence opportunities during everyday law enforcement encounters.
- Build rapport quickly while maintaining officer safety and professionalism.
- Understand the role communication plays in successful investigations.
- Apply practical techniques to encourage voluntary information sharing.

- Differentiate between casual conversation, interviews, and intelligence-focused debriefings.
- Utilize active listening and effective questioning techniques to gather more useful information.
- Recognize verbal and non-verbal communication cues.
- Improve interactions with victims, witnesses, suspects, offenders, confidential sources, and community members.
- Apply communication strategies that support patrol operations, investigations, corrections, and intelligence gathering.
- Increase confidence in conducting purposeful conversations that improve investigative outcomes and strengthen community trust.

Instructor's Information

Chief Deputy Stephen J. Reverri, Jr. is a nationally recognized law enforcement executive with more than 25 years of operational experience in criminal investigations, intelligence gathering, gang investigations, counterterrorism, and organizational leadership.

He currently serves as the Chief Deputy Sheriff of the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office in New York, where he oversees the agency's Special Operations Bureau, including Criminal Intelligence, Crime Analysis, the Analysis & Real Time Crime Intelligence Center (ARTCIC), Warrants, Technology, Drone Operations, Gang Investigations, and Counter Terrorism.

Chief Deputy Reverri is a Task Force Officer assigned to the FBI Hudson Valley Safe Streets Task Force and serves as Chair of New York State Counter Terrorism Zone 14.

In 2006, he co-created the Dutchess County Field Intelligence Group (DCFIG), one of the region's premier multi-agency intelligence-sharing initiatives.

He is also a New York State DCJS Master Instructor and has trained hundreds of law enforcement professionals from municipal, county, state, corrections, and federal agencies.

His teaching philosophy combines proven intelligence methodology with realistic scenario-based instruction that officers can immediately apply in the field.

Who should attend?

Members of Patrol, Investigations, Corrections, Narcotics, Gangs, and Intelligence Units

Registration:

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