Southern Illinois Criminal Justice Training Program

Mobile Team Unit 15

Training Announcement

Name of Training	Class ID#	Course ID#
Lead Homicide Investigator: Law & Order 40 Hour Certification	**200975**	**47751**

Date(s) of Training	Time	Hours	Location
November 2 – 6, 2026	**8:30 – 4:30**	**40**	**Mt. Vernon PD 600 S. 27th St Mt. Vernon, IL 62864**

Course Description

The program includes an in-depth review of a diverse combination of homicide cases and provides strategic tactics in the apprehension and prosecution of the offender(s) Using actual investigations this course offers a diverse collection of case studios, videos and laws specific to homicide investigations. This comprehensive seminar provides instruction in conducting investigations and prosecuting death cases from the start of the investigation through evidence collection, suspect interviews, press conferences, trial testimony and ultimately conviction.

It is purposely designed to provide expert "in-the-field" instruction from the initial crime scene through a successful verdict. It will feature interactive lectures and discussions of actual case histories, videos, statutes, and laws specific to Illinois.

Course Objectives

Topics include:

- ✓ Managing & Evaluating the Crime Scene
- ✓ Death Notifications
- ✓ Investigative Tactics
- ✓ Death Certification
- ✓ Handling the News Media
- ✓ Multiple Methods of Interview & Interrogation
- ✓ Cause and Manner of Death – Autopsy
- ✓ Development of COLD CASE Leads
- ✓ TASK FORCE Operations
- ✓ False Confessions
- ✓ 4th Amendment – Evidence, GSR, Speaking

Instructors



Lou Tessmann retired as Deputy Chief for Waukegan Police. A former Commander of the elite Lake County Major Crime Task Force, Lou, has conducted thousands of interviews and interrogations and obtained over 80 homicide confessions. Lou has delivered law enforcement training courses (mostly on homicide investigation) throughout the country as well as internationally. He has appeared on The Discovery Channel, America's Most Wanted, and Dateline NBC.

Mandates Met by this Training

This course is ILETSB approved for the following mandates: *Civil Rights; Constitutional Use of LE Authority; Cultural Competency; Human Rights; Legal Updates; Officer Wellness/Mental Health; Procedural Justice; Psychology of Domestic Violence; Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect; Lead Homicide Investigator*

This class is partially funded and certified by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board