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Officer-Involved Shooting Investigations

Instructor: Sergeant Mark Dell'Ergo

February 29- March 1 & 2, 2016 (8:00-16:30)

Sponsored by: *Bureau of Reclamation Law Enforcement*

Boulder City, Nevada (Las Vegas Area)

This full 3-day course is instructor lead and will be provided through PowerPoint presentations full of real OIS case pictures and videos to reinforce the concepts being taught. You will receive instruction from a working M.E. Pathologist and a working D.A. Sergeant with over 10 years of OIS investigations experience.

An officer-involved shooting is one of the most important investigations you will ever be involved in. Are you ready?

PURPOSE

The purpose of this course is to provide an experienced officer/investigator with the necessary knowledge and skills to conduct the most thorough, nonbiased OIS investigation possible.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will focus on the benefits of using a "team" or "task force" approach to OIS investigations. There are several methods currently in use throughout the nation, such as the homicide model or the homicide and internal affairs model. Although these may be great investigative models, these "in-house" models have an inherent bias, even though a bias may not truly exist. These models are an invitation for the public and the media to create bias or a conspiracy theory for the department. An independent, outside body investigating and analyzing the OIS is the best way to overcome these perceptions.

We will be reviewing real cases to illustrate how to investigate different types of officer-involved shootings. Please be aware this course has extremely graphic picture and video content. This course contains officer-involved shooting case studies with numerous death scene photographs and videos that are intense and highly graphic. Due to the sensitive nature of this subject matter, attendance is restricted to sworn law enforcement personnel or those who are directly involved in the criminal justice system.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Demonstrate proper incident response, establish proper scene security, scene documentation, scene management, evidence collection & processing
- Discuss establishing the legal right to stay on scene (search warrants, written consent)
- Use of deadly force and case law (Graham v. Connor, Garner v. Tennessee, etc)
- Discuss the public safety statement and officer crime scene walk through
- Discuss effective ways and techniques to process an OIS scene
- Demonstrate proper techniques for interviewing witnesses and involved officers- free recall, when to interview, etc.
- Recognize the role of OIS scene analysis and reconstruction
- Understand OIS investigations are 3 investigations- criminal (suspect), criminal (officer), and internal/administrative
- Discuss the methods of current OIS investigations and the benefits of a team or task force approach
- Discuss the issues of human dynamics in OIS incidents- perceptions, distortions, exclusions, and memory issues
- Discuss post-incident behavior- both involved and uninvolved officers
- Discuss how to handle officers injured or killed from officer-involved shootings
- Understand the role of media in officer-involved shootings- when to release info and how much
- Discuss agency training policies related to officer-involved incidents
- Discuss new challenges with the use of body worn cameras



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Course Location

**Bureau of Reclamation
Law Enforcement
500 Date Street #100
Boulder City, NV 89005**

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For additional questions, contact Special Agent Ian Canaan at (702) 283-8683 or icanaan@usbr.gov

INSTRUCTORS

Mark Dell'Ergo is a sworn Utah police officer with over 19 years of experience. He worked for city police department for 9 years before he was hired at county D.A.'s office. Mark holds the rank of sergeant in a Utah D.A.'s office special investigations unit. Mark works in a county with a population of over 560,000 residents in 22 cities. He has worked patrol, detectives, SWAT, FTO, PIO, internal affairs, undercover, homicide, and sex crimes. For the last 10 years, Mark has supervised the CSI team of a 70+ member county officer-involved shooting task force. For the majority of his career, Mark has worked in investigations. Mark was involved in an officer-involved shooting which gives him a unique perspective having been on both sides of the investigation. Mark earned a bachelor degree in Behavioral Science with a Psychology Emphasis from Utah Valley University. Mark is an adjunct instructor at Utah Valley University and certified by as a Force Science Analyst by the Force Science Institute®. Mark lives outside of Salt Lake City, Utah with his wife of 20 years and four children. When he is not working, Mark can be found spending time with his family, backpacking, fly-fishing, muzzleloader hunting, and skiing. Mark has been an LE instructor for over 15 years and he has taught law enforcement officers from all over the U.S.

Dr. Joseph White currently works as an Assistant Medical Examiner for the Utah State Office of the Medical Examiner. He has been employed by the State of Utah since 2011. He received his medical degree from Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences. He completed his residency training in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology in Colorado Springs, Colorado. His fellowship in Forensic Pathology was with the Denver Office of the Medical Examiner and the University of Colorado. He has published in The American Journal of Forensic Medicine and Pathology and made case presentations at annual meetings of the National Association of Medical Examiners and the American Academy of Forensic Sciences. Dr. White's areas of interest are heart disease, ballistics, and firearms. Dr. White lives outside of Salt Lake City, Utah with his wife and four children. When he has the time, he enjoys gardening, reading, and watching Kung Fu movies.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND? Officers, agents, crime scene personnel, investigators, supervisors, command staff, and prosecuting attorneys. Due to the sensitive nature of the subject matter, attendance is restricted to sworn law enforcement personnel or those who are directly involved in the criminal justice system.

AIRPORT: McCarran International Airport, Las Vegas, Nevada (Approx. 15 miles from the training site)

DATE: February 29 to March 2, 2016 (Monday to Wednesday)

TUITION: \$375.00 per person** (Early Registration- register before January 10th to receive \$50.00 off)

NOTE: The seat is not guaranteed until the tuition is paid. Unless otherwise arranged with Code 4 Consultants, students accepted to attend the course must pay the course fee by February 25, 2016.

MATERIALS: All Attendees will receive a comprehensive course manual, a CD of handouts, and a certificate of attendance.

TO REGISTER: Go the Code 4 Consultants website at www.code4consultants.com and go to the Registration tab. Fill out the registration form and then click on Payment tab to pay for the course. Click **HERE** to register now!

****Agencies sending 3 or more officers will receive tuition discounts****