Federal Drug Investigations and Conspiracy

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Where: Public Safety Training Center @ 321 Chapanoke Drive Raleigh, NC 27603

Are there investigative techniques and strategies that can be used to more effectively stop drug traffickers from operating in a community? Why are some drug investigators more effective? Are you using the information from interviews in the best way? Are you conducting your interviews effectively? Is there a difference between an interview and a "debriefing"? Is your department criticized because they only catch the low level street dealers with a small amount of dope? Is the "controlled buy" technique the only tactic being used by your department? Does your department have a strategy to dismantle the major drug organization in your town? Why is the major trafficker in your town still selling drugs? Is it possible for a police department to investigate and remove all of the significant drug traffickers from its jurisdiction?

Conventional drug cases require an inordinate amount of time, personnel, and above all, money when attempting to secure a conviction for distribution. These cases go far beyond what is necessary to convict a suspect for the often-over-looked crime of conspiracy, which is simply an agreement between two or more people to commit a crime.

Drug conspiracy constitutes a separate and distinct offense and does not depend on whether the subjects accomplished the conspiracy's objective--selling drugs. Accordingly, drug investigations that concentrate on the simple elements of proof for conspiracy can achieve many of the same results as more complex investigations but with less cost and effort.

Drug conspiracy cases may be just the answer for departments who need to energize their efforts to dismantle drug organizations in their jurisdiction. These investigations can produce greater results than more traditional ones, if done by a trained investigator working with a trained prosecutor. This course provides guidance to law enforcement agencies seeking to take advantage of the benefits of drug conspiracy cases. The goal of this course is to provide the individual investigator with tools and insights into how to be a much more effective drug investigator.

The instructor for this course is Eric Evenson, Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District North Carolina. Eric has over 30 years of experience as a state and federal prosecutor who successfully prosecuted conspiracy drug cases. He created and designed the annual OCDETF training conference in North Carolina in 1997. He served as Chief of OCDETF for 12 years.

This one day course will be offer on Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at Wake Tech Public Safety Campus located at 321 Chapanoke Rd., Raleigh, NC 27603. The class will begin at 8:00 AM.

To register for this course, please contact Rudy Wesson at 919-866-5812 or mlwesson@waketech.edu