“My C.I.” Cultivating and Effectively Handling Today’s Top Confidential Informants

December 14th, 2022
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
LETAC Training Center
840 S. Spring St, Suite B, Springfield, IL

This course is ILETSB approved and certified for the following mandates:
Civil Rights, Constitutional/Proper Use of LE Authority and Lead Homicide Investigator

Course Description: The focus of this dynamic one-day seminar is to simply clarify each and every aspect of working hand and hand with an “informant” in any criminal investigation, such as drug cases, property crimes and other serious crimes against person, including homicides. This seminar has been developed for patrol officers, tactical officers, detectives, gang investigators, agents, and command staff. Your expert instructor will share his experiences and address issues to help you develop your own strategies in spotting, cultivating and safely getting informants to work for you.

From first time offenders to high-level criminal organizations, the mentality of those heavily involved in today’s most serious crimes is rapidly changing. Today, we are tasked with combating the most dangerous criminals in the U.S. and across the world who continue to improve in ways of eluding law enforcement. This is where “My C.I.” comes in. Behind every great informant is a greater handler who always understands their capabilities, an informant’s limits, and the legal aspects during day-to-day operations. Despite the ambitions or motivators of potential informants, you will develop the expertise that’s needed today to protect the informant, your agency and yourself.

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Topics Include:

- Spotting today’s possible candidates and dangers
- Evaluating the informant and their potential in each investigation
- The significance of protecting your agency and establishing voluntariness
- Understanding the informant’s motivators and lifestyle
- Mastering rapport and effective communication
- Establishing and maintaining ethical and professional relationships
- Today’s legal aspects and courtroom preparation

Instructor: Domenic Cappelluti CFI, is a veteran detective with the Waukegan (Illinois) Police Department and a former Group Supervisor of the elite Lake County, IL Major Crime Task Force. With over 27 years of experience Dom has specialized in high profile violent street crimes, gang homicides, murder for hire cases on gang and drug officers and officer involved shootings. During his career, he has worked in various divisions, and avidly supervised the Criminal Investigations Bureau and the Gang Suppression Unit. Dom has proudly conducted and directed hundreds of gang and drug related operations throughout Lake County, Cook County and the Chicago metropolitan area, targeting Chicago based street gangs. He is fluent in Spanish and Italian and has successfully conducted thousands of interviews and interrogations in Spanish with gang members from various gangs.

Non-Member Tuition: $0. This course is supported by funds from the Department of Homeland Security Grant Program.

To Register: Email registration to register@letac.org. You may also fill out and submit our online registration form through the website at www.letac.org or call 217-726-7014 to register by phone (be sure to include all pertinent information). MTU#10 Law Enforcement members who are under the mandate requirements will be given priority on state mandated courses and then MTU#10 local members. If it is not a mandated course, all MTU# 10 local members will be given registration preference until seven days prior to the date of class. After that date, registrations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis, regardless of MTU status. We cannot accept registrations from individual officers. All registrations must go through your Chief, Sheriff, or department training office, even if you are attending class on your own time.

Cancellation: If a class must be canceled for any reason, every effort will be made to do so at least 2 weeks before the class is scheduled to begin. However, there are circumstances where last minute cancellation is out of our control. All officers who have been registered for training will be contacted at the email address given at registration, so please be sure to provide an email address which is checked often.