

9-1-1 Homicide:

Is the Caller the Killer?

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Dates: March 26-27, 2018

Location: LETAC Training Center
Springfield, IL

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Registration is required!

register@letac.org (217) 726-7014

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This training is specifically designed to educate all criminal justice personnel including Dispatchers, Patrol Officers, Detectives, Supervisors, Coroners, Medical Examiners, and Prosecutors.



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(Please park in an unreserved space in our lot. Overflow parking is along Spring & Canedy streets.)

Meets the following mandated training requirements: Lead Homicide Investigator

Instructor: Deputy Chief Tracy Harpster, M.S

Tracy Harpster has served with the Moraine Police Department in Ohio since 1984. He has worked as a street officer, undercover narcotics officer, Sergeant, Detective Sergeant and Operations Lieutenant. From 2002-2005, DC Harpster was a Task Force Director in the Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission, investigating large scale RICO, theft, money laundering and gambling crimes. From 2005-2007, the lieutenant was assigned to the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force in Dayton, Ohio. From 2007 to 2011 DC Harpster was the director of the Tactical Crime Suppression Unit Narcotics Task Force.

DC Harpster received a B.S. in Criminal Justice from Bowling Green State University and is a graduate of the 216th Session of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy, Quantico, VA. In 2006, DC Harpster achieved a Graduate Degree from the University of Cincinnati where his Master's Thesis examined the indicators of innocence and guilt of 911 homicide callers reporting the offense. The study defined and analyzed the indicators in order to assist homicide detectives gain insight into the offense, suggest offender probability, and explore pertinent issues during the interview and interrogation phases of the investigation. The Lieutenant has directly assisted on over 500 homicides, using the research to help solve the murders. DC Harpster has shared his research at homicide conferences across the country including the National Homicide Conference (2006, 2008, 2012, 2014) and the International Homicide Conference (2010). DC Harpster has analyzed over six hundred 911 homicide calls and directly assisted on over 200 homicides by analyzing the call for the investigators. In 2013, DC Harpster was accepted as a member of the Vidocq Society, a crime-solving organization that meets monthly at the Union League of Philadelphia. Members of the Vidocq Society apply their collective forensic skills and Members of the Vidocq Society apply their collective forensic skills and experience to "cold case" homicides and unsolved deaths. V.S.M.'s donate their deductive and scientific talents for the common good.

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DC Harpster and Dr. Adams have co-authored an article titled “911 Homicide Calls: Is the Caller the Killer?” which has been published in the Law Enforcement Bulletin (June 2008), “Analyzing 911 Homicide Calls for Indicators of Guilt or Innocence: An Exploratory Analysis” published in Homicide Studies (February 2009) and “Is the Caller the Killer? Analyzing 911 Homicide Calls” (June, 2010) published in the book Truth, Lies and Deception.

About the Course: This course will instruct the attendee on the importance of obtaining and analyzing the 911 call made by individuals during homicides, alleged suicides and alleged accidental deaths. Thirty percent of all murderers call in their own crime pretending to be innocent. The Indicators of Guilt and Innocence will be explained and the class will use the tools to analyze actual 911 homicide cases in class.

Outline

- I. Introduction to 911 Call Analysis
- II. Goal/Importance of Analysis
- III. Important Research
- IV. Tipton Case Review
- V. Indicators
 - a. Indicators of Innocence
 - b. Indicators of Guilt
- VI. Columbus Case Review
- VII. Sanders Case Review
- VIII. Eleventh, Minnesota Case Review
- IX. Caylee Anthony Case Review
- X. Additional Case Reviews

Non-Member Tuition: \$160.00. Non-Member tuition shall apply to civilians, officers from State/Federal agencies, and officers from Local Law Enforcement agencies which are not a member of any MTU. Tuition will be invoiced to departments upon course completion. If a pre-registered student from a Non-Member agency fails to attend training, and the agency fails to provide advance notice within 7 days of the start date of that class, the agency will be invoiced the entire amount of the student's tuition.

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 local member department officers 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.

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