



Law Enforcement Training Advisory Commission

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Practical Lie Detection for Patrol Officers

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Lincoln Land Community College

Springfield, IL

Each day police officers must determine if people are telling the truth. Thirty years of research shows most, though, are only 56% accurate at spotting lies. Inadequate “outcome feedback”— opinions about truthfulness without ultimately knowing if the judgments were right or wrong – is a major reason for low detection rates. This course attacks the problem by providing instant feedback to numerous truth and lie assessments.

For two days, participants evaluate their individual abilities by judging dozens of people engaged in known lying and truth telling situations by way of video and in-class simulations. Personal strengths and weakness can be accurately charted over the course because outcome feedback is provided. A small portion of this course reviews field interviewing tactics for use during live simulations. Training manual supports lecture material. Investigators and other enforcement officers are welcome. However, course is geared more toward patrol officers.

ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR: Jeff Baile began his law enforcement career as a patrol officer with the Mendota Police Department in 1976 where he received numerous letters of commendations for burglary, drug, and stolen vehicle arrests. He became a breath-alcohol examiner, burglary investigation specialist, and was placed in charge of the department’s darkroom developing film and enlarging prints for court. A childhood dream to become a game warden was realized when the Illinois Conservation Police hired him in 1979.

For over twenty-five years, Mr. Baile was the Peoria County conservation police officer. Besides patrol duties, he served as breath alcohol examiner, field training and forensics officer, academy instructor, and boat accident investigator. He investigated dozens of complex boating accident deaths in the Peoria area many of which were reckless homicide offenses. Due to his expertise in interviewing and interrogation, Jeff was often called upon to investigate other boating accidents, burglaries, dead-end and high profile cases, which gave him keen insight into interrogation stratagem.



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Jeff has accumulated hundreds of hours of formalized training in professional interviewing and interrogation techniques and body language analysis. His in-depth analysis of nonverbal communication, deception clues, and his innovative study of waving, earned him high marks from his department. He was awarded Illinois Officer of the Year Award in 1985, the Shikar Safari International Wildlife Officer of the Year Award 1993, Region I Life Saving Award, and numerous investigative honors. Through these efforts, Mr. Baile founded, developed, and implemented Illinois' existing forty-hour Interview and Interrogation Recruit and In-Service Training Program in 1989.

Mr. Baile received his Associate in General Education degree from Illinois Central College and Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Illinois. He is a Certified Forensic Interviewer having conducted thousands of interviews and extracting an estimated 5000 confessions from poachers to burglars to vandals to drug users to hostile witnesses. His cases were rarely contested in court due to this high confession rate.

Jeff has instructed thousands of local, county, state, and federal law enforcement officers while an associate of John J. Millner & Associates, Inc., Elmhurst, Il. This training has allowed him to travel to various parts of Illinois, Florida, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota, Arizona, and Wisconsin. Jeff's engaging teaching style, experiences, and his characteristic way of intertwining research with practical application, permit easy digestion of the methods for immediate field use. He is also a frequent guest instructor at Bradley University and Illinois Central College in Peoria, where he lectures about professionalism in police work to criminal justice majors.

Mr. Baile is a contributing editor with International Game Warden Magazine authoring the popular Face to Face column which is also reprinted for the Oregon Trooper News.

TO REGISTER: Email registration to Sandy at sandy@letac.org. Fill out and submit our online registration form on the website at www.letac.org. Call 217-726-7014 to register by phone (be sure to include all pertinent information). MTU #10 local member 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.