Indoor Marijuana Investigations/Officer Safety
Expert Witness Class
3-Day (24 hour) Course
Corrected: 16 of the 24 hours are POST Certified under Plan IV 8790-22252

Limited seating: We are mandated by the Office of National Drug Control Policy to give priority to Northern CA HIDTA task force members, LEOs assigned to narcotic enforcement duties followed by members of agencies within the NC HIDTA.

When: Feb 23-25, 2016
0800-1700 Hours

Where: Dublin City Council Chambers
100 Civic Plaza
Dublin, CA 94568

This class is open to NC HIDTA task force members and agencies.
Limited Seating. All applications will be reviewed.
You will receive another email if your application is approved.

Course Description:

DAY 1: Students will be taught how to detect, prosecute and testify in indoor marijuana grow cases. Instruction will cover marijuana horticulture, how marijuana is cultivated indoors, what equipment is used, and how a marijuana grow site is set up and operated, how to locate and conduct surveillance on indoor grows, what surveillance indicators to look for, and how to explain the surveillance observations as probable cause. Instruction will also cover how to obtain and analyze power records to gain probable cause, how an indoor marijuana investigation should proceed from the receipt of source information to conducting background investigations on suspects, surveillance of the grow site, securing and analyzing power records, use of thermal imaging in indoor marijuana investigations, and how to write an indoor grow search warrant. Class attendees will be provided with a Basic Indoor Grow Investigations Investigator’s Manual on CD Rom.

DAY 2: Students will be taught what the officer safety issues are at the grow site, departmental and unit responsibilities in regards to safety policy, equipment and raid planning, how to safely dismantle and seize indoor grow equipment and other evidence. Students will be taught how to deal with armed sus-
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pects, gang and organized crime involvement, how to recognize and deal with booby traps, air quality hazards such as carbon monoxide, hydrogen sulfide, carbon dioxide and hazardous mold. Also covered will be electrical hazards, chemical hazards, BHO Butane Honey Oil Extraction explosion hazards, propane, natural gas leaks, preparation of raid plans, how to approach the grow site, how to safely dismantle an indoor grow site, what to seize, what not to seize, handling, storage of exhibits. Class attendees will be provided with an Indoor Marijuana Grow Officer Safety Manual as well as templates for risk assessments and raid plans on CD-Rom.

DAY 3: This portion of the class is designed to teach more experienced indoor marijuana investigators how to testify as an expert in court proceedings involving indoor marijuana cultivation. Students will be taught what is required to qualify yourself as an Indoor Marijuana Expert, advanced knowledge and ability to testify about how cannabis grows in the outdoor and indoor environments, advanced knowledge and testimony on how a marijuana grow operation is set up and operated, advanced knowledge and ability to testify on how much marijuana can be produced indoors by the various methods of cultivation and how to place a value on that amount of marijuana, advanced knowledge and ability to testify about manufacture of hashish, "weed oil", marijuana butter, other edibles, common courtroom questions and answers about indoor marijuana cultivation, and how to create your Indoor Marijuana Expert Witness CV. Class attendees will be provided with an Indoor Marijuana Expert Witness CD that includes all classroom information, indoor marijuana valuation templates and sample CV’s.

INSTRUCTOR BIOGRAPHY:

Instructor: Les Kjemhus is a 30 year veteran of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP). He is a recognized expert in North America in the field of indoor cannabis cultivation investigations. He has conducted hundreds of indoor grow investigations in Canada and has testified as an expert in this field in both Canada and the US. He has cultivated indoor marijuana under license for the RCMP on a number of occasions to train investigators and in an undercover capacity. As a result, he has very unique, “hands-on”, experience about marijuana cultivation to pass on to law enforcement trainees. Les has taught this subject on over 800 occasions for the RCMP, DEA, US Department of Justice, Midwest Counterdrug Training Center, Western Regional Counterdrug Training Center (WRCT), Northeast Counterdrug Training Center (NCTC), Mid Atlantic Narcotic Training Academy (MANA) as well as numerous State and local agencies. Inspector Kjemhus helped develop the DEA’s “Marijuana Cultivation Investigator’s Handbook” and wrote and published a book entitled “Two Way Street - Parents, Kids and Drugs”. Inspector Kjemhus was one of the first police officers in Canada to utilize thermal imaging in successful detection of indoor marijuana grow sites and, as a result, he was selected by the Drug Enforcement Administration’s Domestic Cannabis Eradication and Suppression Program (DCE/SP) to instruct indoor marijuana grow investigations and thermal imaging for many years across the USA. Les is a founding member of the Law Enforcement Thermographer’s Association (LETA). He has been a certified Law Enforcement Thermal Imaging Instructor and served on the Executive Board of L.E.T.A. for six years. His experience includes being involved in setting up full time Marijuana Enforcement Teams for the RCMP in British Columbia and Alberta. He has also served as a consultant a number of large US municipal police forces in reference to indoor marijuana enforcement policy and procedures. Les has an extensive background in narcotics enforcement, expert testimony and law enforcement instruction. On March 5th, 2004, he retired from his position as the Commander, Calgary Urban Region, R.C.M.P., Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Les is the President of L. Kjemhus Law Enforcement Seminars and Consulting Inc and travels extensively in Canada and the USA teaching law enforcement classes and consulting. He
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has worked as a consultant to the U.S. Office of National Drug Control Policy, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Drug Enforcement Branch, the California Association of Chiefs of Police and a number of other government and law enforcement agencies. Les and his wife Lorraine reside in the Calgary, Alberta and Mesa, Arizona area and have two children, Brad, a Construction Safety Consultant, and Chelsea who is a Licensed Practical Nurse/ OR Technician.

Who may attend this course?

Law Enforcement Officers and First Responders: Priority registration is going to law enforcement officers from Northern CA HIDTA member agencies. All applications will be reviewed. If your application is approved you will receive a confirmation email.

COST: There is no cost to attend this training.

To apply for private this class you must use the link you received with this attachment.

Free parking is available on site.

This course is POST Certified for 16 of the 24 hours under Plan IV # 8790-22252. College credit is also available. All applications will be reviewed. You will be notified by email if your application is accepted. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

To see all of our training opportunities visit www.nchidta.org and click on “Training”.

For further information: Contact Training Director Bob Cooke, bcooke@ncric.ca.gov

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