SPECTOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING NETWORK, INC.

BASIC INTERVIEW & INTERROGATION

Hosted by: Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation Police Department
Dates: January 25, 2027 - January 27, 2027
Cost: $375.00

This 3-day course will focus on providing law enforcement officers with the training needed for investigators to conduct interviewing and interrogation techniques. We will discuss methods to conduct non-verbal and behavioral analysis as well as verbal indicators that denote truth or deception. This is an entry level course designed for officers with little to no experience. Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to: Implement best practices for conducting an interview, understand how to establish rapport, distinguish the types of interviews and understand body language. Students will learn how to prepare for an interview, how to elicit the maximum amount of information from an interviewee, the differences in interviewing juvenile versus adult suspects, the differences interviewing in a controlled environment versus a street interrogation, and establishing Miranda timeframes. The course will include Mock Interviews and encourage class participation.

Course Topics Include: Suspects Only: Behavioral Assessment, Confrontation, and Interrogation. Halo Effect, Truth Bias, Cognitive Interviewing, Themes for Interviewing, Hurdles Interviewer Will Face, Deception Clues (Non-Verbal), Time to Confront, Interview to Interrogation, Confessions, Case Law, Best Practices, Street/Field Interrogations, Truthful versus Deceptive.

★ Exceeded my expectations from what I read on the description.
★ The program covered everything as described.
★ I would definitely recommend this course to any officer. Instructor made all the difference!

QUESTIONS? CALL 860-593-6550

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Providing Quality Training For Those Who Protect Since 1974

MEET YOUR TRAINER

Detective Joseph Lopa

Detective Joseph Lopa was hired by the New Britain Police Department in 2005. During his career he has been assigned to the Patrol Division, Gun Task Force, Special Services Unit, Youth Bureau, Polygraph Unit and has been Deputized with the DEA on two separate occasions and was promoted to the rank of Detective in 2014. During his time with the New Britain PD, Joe has received over 20 Department Awards and 2 United States Attorney's Office Awards for cases he assisted in investigating.

Joe has been a Certified Polygraph Examiner since 2014. He is also P.O.S.T. authorized to conduct pre-employment screenings in CT. He graduated from the National Polygraph Academy in Columbus, OH in 2014. He received the Distinguished Student Award while at Polygraph School, as voted on by his peers. He is a member of the American Association of Police Polygraphists, the American Polygraph Association and currently holds the position of Treasurer with The Connecticut Polygraph Association. Joe has received several continuing education hours through polygraph seminars and P.O.S.T. in the area of Interview and Interrogation as well as Criminal Investigations. These trainings have assisted him in convicting several criminals for homicides, sexual assaults, drug trafficking, and other crimes, as well as obtaining confessions in numerous felony investigations.

Joe is certified by CT POSTC in the areas of Interview and Interrogation, Juvenile Law, Child Abuse and Neglect, Rape Crisis, and he is an MOI instructor. He received his bachelor's degree in 2004 from Western Connecticut State University and completed his thesis study on "The Importance of Non-Verbal Communication in the Field of Law Enforcement." Joe has been an advisor with the New Britain Police Explorers since 2013, assisting New Britain's youth who have an interest in Law Enforcement. He also assists with the "New Britain Becoming PALS" program and teaches at New Britain High School.