About the Course

Pharmaceutical Diversion Investigations Seminar

This 8 hr seminar is designed to teach the narcotics officer or the patrol officer the techniques to conduct a pharmaceutical diversion investigation. Information will be provided on the ever increasing number of unintentional (overdose) deaths caused by the abuse of pharmaceutical drugs (controlled substances) in America. Information will also be provided on the most common methods utilized by suspects when obtaining prescriptions for controlled substances and legend drugs: phony call-in prescriptions; forged prescriptions; and computer generated prescriptions. Curriculum will include step-by-step methods for conducting fraudulent prescriptions: use of surveillance video; preservation for fingerprints; signature logs; photographic lineups; sample doctors’ statements preparation; pharmacy alerts; application of laws; and how to use “prescription monitoring programs” in tracking fraudulent prescriptions. In addition, discussion will be provided on the most common methods that “drug seeking” patients utilize multiple physicians and multiple pharmacies to feed their addiction to controlled substances and how they also seek methods of diversion by nurses, pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, physicians, anesthetists, and certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNA). Students will also learn that pharmaceutical drug diversion investigations and healthcare fraud usually interface with each other and the escalating cost of healthcare. Finally, discussion will be provided about an investigative database that collects and distributes data involving criminal offenses involving pharmacies such as: robberies, burglaries (breaking & entering); thefts of cargo shipments; etc. The training will be supplemented with numerous videos of actual pharmaceutical investigations. Attendees will also be provided with actual cases both days to work on collectively as a group and then present to the attendees detailing the investigative steps they would utilize during their investi-

Case studies

• University hospital investigations
• Jason Lee investigations

Presentation will include the following videos:

• A twenty (20) minute video “Liars, Scammers, and Thieves” involving Johnny Middleton and his posing as a law enforcement officer as one of the tactics he used to get pain medications

About the instructors:

Detective Dennis M. Luken

Detective Luken has over 36 years experience in law enforcement. He is a retired Cincinnati, Ohio police officer who had over 26 years experience with the Cincinnati PD. While with the Cincinnati PD, he worked as a patrol officer, SWAT team member, Crisis negotiator and detective. While in the detective bureau, he worked in the asset forfeiture unit and the pharmaceutical diversion unit. Since 2001, Detective Luken has been employed as a detective with the Warren County Drug Task Force responsible for investigating pharmaceutical diversion investigations, healthcare professional investigations and healthcare fraud investigations. He is currently the Treasurer for the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators (NADDI) and is the President of the Ohio Chapter of NADDI. He has lectured thousands of officers in Ohio and around the United States on pharmaceutical diversion issues.

About the Topics

• Pharmaceutical drug abuse – described as Pharmageddon”
• Forged and Fraudulent prescriptions
• “Doctor Shopping” investigations
• Health professional investigations
• Targeting the illegal prescriber
• RX patrol

• A thirteen (13) minute video: “Doctors on Drugs” that was filmed in 1996 and was based on the Cincinnati Police Pharmaceutical Diversion Squad
• Also presentation will include a ten minute video about nurse diversion
• A seven (7) minute video relating to criminal offenses involving pharmacies
• A ten (10) minute video pertaining to Dr. John Lilly. The video involves a physician that was operating a “pill mill” in Portsmouth, Ohio
REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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