



California Narcotic Officer's Association

REGION VI

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Confidential Informant Development and Management

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Description: This class provides a comprehensive overview of confidential informant development and management. Students will learn how to analyze and evaluate potential confidential informants for use in specific types of cases. They will learn how to approach and manage the risks associated with informants and the legal requirements as well as ethical considerations.

Students will study real-world case examples of how confidential informants have been used in law enforcement operations. They will explore the successes and pitfalls encountered when using informants, as well as the techniques and strategies that proved to be effective in different situations. Students will analyze and evaluate these case studies and learn how to apply the lessons learned. Through an in-depth exploration of actual cases, students will gain a deeper understanding of how to effectively use informants in law enforcement and will develop the critical thinking skills necessary to assess the risks and benefits of different approaches.

By the end of the class, students will have a comprehensive understanding of confidential informant development and management, as well as the practical experience needed to use these skills in the field. They will be equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to analyze and evaluate potential informants and manage confidential informant operations effectively and ethically. Whether students are new or experienced LE professionals looking to improve their skills, this class will provide valuable insights and practical tools for working with confidential informants in a variety of law enforcement contexts.

INSTRUCTORS:

VCSO Sergeant Odilon "JR" Malagon has 23 years of experience. JR has over eleven years of experience in street and major narcotics investigations, both as a detective and supervisor. JR was the winner of the 2014 CNOA Region VI Al Stewart Award for Narcotic Officer of the Year, largely based on his work targeting large scale Mexican Drug Trafficking Organizations. JR has been responsible for providing internal training for his department in Informant Management and Surveillance Techniques.

Senior Deputy District Attorney David Russell has over 20 years experience. For approximately 10 years, David has prosecuted Major Crimes Gang cases. David has also handled Major Narcotics cases for about 3.5 years. Over David's career, he has handled numerous cases involving informants. David is the Ventura County District Attorney's Office expert as it pertains to wiretaps and cases involving Confidential Informants.

VCSO Senior Deputy Henry Contreras has over 13 years experience. Henry has worked various assignments within the Ventura County Sheriff's office to include Street and Major Narcotics investigations. Henry is an active SWAT member and also responsible for providing Informant Management and Surveillance Techniques training.

VCSO Senior Deputy Christian Freede has over 16 years of experience. Christian has worked various investigative assignments to include Street /Major Narcotics /Asset Forfeiture investigations as well as a Narcotics Training Officer. Christian was selected as the 2024 CNOA Region VI, Al Stewart award winner. Christian is also an instructor providing Informant Management and Surveillance Techniques training.

Cost:

\$40 for CNOA Members \$60 for non-members

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