

California Narcotic Officers' Association, Region VII & CVC HIDTA

present:

Sovereign Citizen Movement

Wednesday, May 1, 2024 · 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. PDT

(registration begins at 7:30)

4550 California Ave, Floor 3, Bakersfield, CA



Course Description:

This course will provide students with tools to identify persons associated with or fully involved in the Sovereign Citizen Movement. Students will learn to identify persons with Sovereign Citizen beliefs quickly in the field and the best way to interact with Sovereign Citizens safely and effectively. The course will also discuss best practices for conducting investigations when your suspect appears to be a Sovereign Citizen. The threats posed by Sovereign Citizens, both physical and financial, to law enforcement and other government employees will be discussed. Additionally, the challenges in prosecuting cases against Sovereign Citizens and ways to mitigate those challenges will be discussed.

Course Topics:

- History (Origin, Growth, Spread)
- Theory (Redemption, Strawman, Constitutionalist, Terms)
- Activities (Paper Terrorism, Property takeover, Court room antics, Forgery fraud, violence
- against government and law enforcement, & Documentation)
- Community and supervision strategies/challenges (Officer safety and Training)

Instructor:

Matthew Bolton retired from the Orange County Probation Department after a 28-year career. During his career, Matt worked a variety of custodial and non-custodial assignments including the regional Megan's Law Enforcement Team, K-9 narcotic detections dog handler, and the supervision of individuals associated with outlaw motorcycle gangs, white racist gang, and anti-government extremists. Matt was a member of several professional working groups including the Skinhead Information Network (SIN), regional Domestic Terrorism Working Group, Orange County Intelligence Assessment Center, the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) Law Enforcement Advisory Committee, Southern California Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Investigators Association, and the International Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Investigators Association.

Dr. Lowell Smith retired from the Orange County Probation Department after a career of 26 ½ years. During his career, Lowell worked both custodial and non-custodial assignments including narcotics, gang violence suppression, special enforcement, and AB 109. Lowell spent over 15 years working supervision and suppression activities on white supremacist gangs/groups, anti-government movements, and anti-government movements. Lowell's professional associations included Terrorism Liaison Officer to 2 regional fusion centers and was liaison to the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force in Los Angeles. Dr. Smith's professional associations included the California Narcotics Officers Association, California Gang Investigators Association, FBI Domestic Terrorism Working Group, Skinhead Information Network, International Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Investigators Association, and the ADL's Law Enforcement Advisory Board.

Registration:

- Register: www.cnoaregionaltraining.org
- Questions/Payment arrangements: cnoaregion7@gmail.com
- Cost: \$40 CNOA members/\$60 non-members/Free with CNOA Class Certificate
- Limited seats available (per POST requirements) - Payment in advance required for registration confirmation (all registrants will be placed on waiting list until payment is made).
 - Venmo: CNOAregion-7
 - To pay by credit card or make arrangements for agency check, email cnoaregion7@gmail.com