

East Central Illinois Mobile Law Enforcement Training Team

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Course Announcement

Heroin on Steroids: Fentanyl, W-18 and U-47700

November 1st, 2019

0830-1630 Hrs

MTU 13 Police Training Facility

3121 Dewitt Ave.

Mattoon, Il. 61938

Submit enrollment to:

Registration form at

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Or call 217-345-3344

Course Description: This course is designed to educate first responders about the exploding trend of synthetic opioids. In jurisdictions already affected by illicit Fentanyl, W-18/Carfentanil, and U-47700 this course has become mandatory. If your agency hasn't encountered these substances yet, you will. Education is power, and you NEED to educate yourself to keep yourself from getting injured.

The course covers what these dangerous substances are, what they look like, where they come from and how to protect yourself from potentially deadly contact. The instructors will provide information on how to initiate and safely investigate cases involving these substances that are up to 1000 times more potent than other narcotics on the street.

This one-day course includes:

A description of pharmaceutical and illicit Fentanyl and its analogs, Concerns, issues and safety precautions for law enforcement, investigators and EMT's, Identifies and protocol for labs/pill press operations, Using informants and/or undercover officers during the investigation, Known sources and distribution methods.

Dangers and Officer Safety

There will be a discussion about why Fentanyl and its analogs pose a danger to first responders and how responders can protect themselves. This section will also cover other issues and concerns encountered by law enforcement and other first responders.

Observed Mandates Include:

Civil Rights

Procedural Justice

Constitutional Proper Use L/E

Law Update

Who Should Attend?:

First Responders

Police

Administrators

Detectives

Narcotics Agents

Probation Officers

Corrections Officer

Court Security

Illicit forms of Fentanyl and analogs

Illicit Fentanyl can come in a variety of different forms; raw powder and mixed into anything imaginable. The class will be presented with the different analogs that have been encountered and those that are known but haven't surfaced yet. The class will be given a list of the analogs scheduled, those pending, and analogs that are not scheduled. Attendees will learn about the historical forms this substance has been disguised to mimic and shown photographs of actual seizures for reference. Many times the substance is used in counterfeit pharmaceuticals. The instructor will discuss ways to identify some of the counterfeit pills. Included in this section is information about pill press operations and precautions to take when they are discovered.

Distribution methods and routes

It is known that these synthetic narcotics are being pushed into the country using traditional cartel methods and routes, however most are coming from China and other countries via the mail and other shipping services. Illegal substances are being ordered from sources over the dark web. This section will cover the logistics side of these substances entering the US and a brief discussion of the dark web and how it works.

Investigating cases

Many agencies are discovering that cases involving synthetic opioids present new challenges and concerns. Those challenges and concerns will be discussed along with how to safely open a case and end it with a successful prosecution. From initiating a case, to developing probable cause, safely handling and testing evidence, and a review of state and federal laws applicable will be presented. The course will provide direction for administrator's questions: Are traditional methods of investigation safe? Can a confidential informant or undercover officer be used for controlled buys? What do we do if a clandestine Fentanyl (pill lab) is encountered?

Case studies

Through case examples, the instructor will provide valuable information on what went right and what went wrong on actual cases along with other obstacles encountered. The case studies involve simple possession and distribution to the processing of a fentanyl and alprazolam pill press lab. If time permits, local cases will be discussed.



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