

Multijurisdictional Counterdrug Task Force Training (MCTFT)

A partnership between the [Florida National Guard](#) and [St. Petersburg College](#).

Interview and Interrogation

Course Length: 3 days (24 hours)

MCTFT Coordinators: Mike Miller (millerm@spcollege.edu) (727-344-8010)

It is the goal of this course to familiarize both new and seasoned investigators with the various disciplines of "detecting deception." This is accomplished through learning to recognize non-verbal body language, eye-assessing cues (neurolinguistics), and by being introduced to the newest form of conducting a detailed analysis of verbal and written statements. This unique course offers investigators insight as to what a person is actually saying, and, most importantly, what they are not saying. Additionally, the attendees are challenged to analyze a variety of written statements including the infamous cases of Susan Smith, Jon-Benet Ramsey, and O.J. Simpson. Other more contemporary cases are reviewed, including a suspicious death in Alaska, an alleged suicide of a Washington state trooper, and cases of fraud, rape, and theft. The students will also view multiple recorded sessions of actual interviews. The students are also invited to participate in group and individual class assignments involving factual cases.

Course Objectives

Analyze verbal and written statements.

- Identify the most common interviewing pitfalls.
- Identify open and closed ended questions, evasive verbal responses, and non-verbal body language.
- Utilize techniques to establishing a "Power of Influence."
- State the ten steps of an interrogation that can prompt a voluntary confession.

Overview of topics

- Avoiding Interviewing Pitfalls
- Verbal Lie Detection
- Open and Closed Ended Questions
- Teaching the Subject to Lie
- Non-Verbal Body Language
- Evasive Verbal Responses
- Mandated Interview Questions
- Analyzing Verbal and Written Statements
- Dignity and Confession
- Establishing a "Power of Influence"
- Understanding the Common Myths of Miranda
- Voluntary Confessions

To register for a class, call the contact listed with that class below:

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Interviews and Body Language Techniques

Course Length: 1 day (8 hours)

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This course will address techniques for assessing suspects through knowledge of interview techniques, body language and eye patterns. At the conclusion of this course, the student will be able to apply successful conversational techniques to detect deception or truthfulness in an individual.

Course Objectives

- Identify interview techniques to maximize officer safety.
- Develop a basic understanding of non-verbal communication.
- Identify the difference between an interview and interrogation.
- Identify rapidly changing legal circumstances during roadside interviews.
- Identify the 5 phases of the interview process.
- Identify elements of active listening.
- Identify common interviewing mistakes.
- Describe strategies to set up a controlled environment.
- Practice conversational interview techniques.

Course Length: 1 day (8 hour)

Overview of Topics:

- The Basics of Citizen Encounters
- Legal Issues
- The Interview
- Eye Accessing
- Questioning Techniques
- Deceptive Subjects
- The Setting

This course is [also available online](#).

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