



OCEANSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT
Support Operations Division
Training Services Unit

Highway Interdiction – Operations & Trends
February 13th, 2019

Course Title: Highway Interdiction – Operations & Trends

Location: Oceanside Police Department
California Conference Room
3855 Mission Avenue
Oceanside, CA 92058

Dates/Times February 13th, 2019
0800-1600

Topics Covered: This class is designed to provide attendees with an overview of cold stop criminal highway interdiction. California's demographics and its major contraband trafficking corridors make highway interdiction work an art all unto itself. This course will help you from the start with the following topics: identifying deceptive driving behavior, including problematic or deceptive registration; driver demeanor; visible indicators of criminal activity; roadside interviews; and when the deployment of a K-9 is appropriate. Attendees will be shown how to perform a systematic search of a vehicle, including locating hidden compartments and the recommended tools needed to accomplish this. In addition, current trends -including DTOs' utilization of GPS trackers and other electronic devices, and considerations for controlled deliveries once contraband is discovered - will be discussed.

Reservations: Class size is limited to 40 students and will be made on a first come, first served basis. Contact Jenessa Morris to register at jjmorris@ci.oceanside.ca.us

REGISTRATION CLOSES FEBRUARY 6, 2019

Tuition/Fees: None.

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The instructors will review current interdiction and K-9 case law; how to document your case; how to educate your district attorney; and what to anticipate in court. This class will also review a portion on wall stops but is primarily focused on cold stops. Officer safety concerns, as well as working collaboratively with other agencies, will be addressed.

INSTRUCTORS:

Deputy **Gino Rodriguez** has been with the Orange County Sheriff's Department for 25 years, the last 11 years assigned to the Special Investigation Bureau's Highway Interdiction Team. He has testified as an expert witness on contraband smuggling and criminal interdiction. Deputy Rodriguez has interdicted thousands of pounds of cocaine, heroin and crystal methamphetamine and millions of dollars of U.S. currency. He is an instructor for the Orange County Sheriff's Department's POST-certified Basic Narcotics Investigation Course and teaches vehicle hidden compartments and Southern California drug trafficking techniques. This course is attended by officers throughout the state of California. Deputy Rodriguez has been recognized by the National Criminal Enforcement Association (NCEA), which awarded him Highway Interdiction Officer of the Year for 2014, 2015 and 2016 at its annual national conference. The Homeland Security Investigation National Bulk Cash Smuggling Center recognized Deputy Rodriguez in 2016 for outstanding contributions to law enforcement for the successful interdiction of illicit bulk cash. The Orange County Sheriff's Department recognized Deputy Rodriguez's significant contributions by awarding him the Department's Medal of Courage in 2009 and it's Medal of Merit in both 2011 and 2017.

Deputy **Scott Klappenback** has been with the Orange County Sheriff's Department for more than 30 years, where, as a designated level 1 (C.P.C. 830.1) reserve lieutenant, he has worked patrol assignments his entire tenure. For the past 17 years he has been a K-9 handler, with the last nine years assigned to the Special Investigations Bureau's Highway Interdiction Team. He works more than 1,200 hours per year on this assignment. He currently is an instructor for the Orange County Sheriff's Department's POST-certified Basic Narcotics Investigation course and teaches the Vehicle Hidden Compartments and K-9 Usage segments. Additionally, he has testified as an expert witness on the transportation and sales of narcotics. Deputy Klappenback's assignment also includes appointment as a task force officer for the Department of Homeland Security. The National Sheriff's Association awarded Deputy Klappenback with the "2017 Reserve Deputy of The Year Award". In addition, the Orange County Sheriff's Department recognized Deputy Klappenback's significant contributions by awarding him the Department's Medal of Merit. When not working for the Sheriff's Department, he works for the United States Navy's Marine Mammal Program, where he is a contracted program manager and an instructor for their handler certification course.

Deputy **Theodore Peterson** is a 21-year veteran of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department. During his career, he has worked the jails, patrol, special unit station target teams, street-level narcotics with the Southwest Corridor Task Force and, for the last 11 years, criminal and drug interdiction for the Domestic Highway Enforcement (DHE) program out of the LA HIDTA. Deputy Peterson has arrested over 700 subjects for the transportation of sales of controlled substances and bulk cash money laundering, and located over 350 vehicle drug compartments. Additional post-seizure investigations have led to controlled deliveries resulting in dozens of additional arrests, stash-house takedowns and bulk narcotic seizures. Several of the seizures have resulted in numerous subjects being cultivated as successful informants for other local and federal narcotic teams. Networking of seizure information has led to an additional dozen seizures via Customs and HSI. Deputy Peterson has received seven national awards, including Interdiction Team of the Year in 2012.

Course Topics:

- Vehicle Selection - Indicators of Criminal Behavior
- Systematic Vehicle Search and Hidden Compartments
- Legal Aspects of Current Interdiction and K-9 Case Law
- Major DTO Contraband Smuggling Corridors in Southern California

