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Drug/Narcotics Investigation

“Going Beyond the Street Level Dealer”

Instructor:
Byron Boston
Dallas Police Department
Dallas, Texas

Byron Boston began his law enforcement career with the Dallas Police Department in May 1996. In 1998 he was selected to join the department's patrol division drug task force, Byron participated in hundreds of felony drug arrests.

After working on the drug task force for several years, Byron was recruited to work on the ATF Violent Crimes Task Force. While assigned to the ATF Tack Force, Byron was the lead undercover officer on numerous long-term narcotic & firearm investigations, one of which lasted nearly a year in duration. During that investigation, Byron rented an undercover apartment where he was taught by drug dealers how to cook, cut, and package crack cocaine. Byron was also trained in both “trap” and “stash” houses on the inside structure of how crack cocaine dealers truly operate. In addition to making undercover narcotic purchases, Byron purchased firearms that included: common street weapons, machine guns, and a grenade launcher.

Byron is currently assigned to a Mid-Level Enforcement squad within the Dallas Police Narcotics Division. Byron brought all of his knowledge and expertise to his new squad, and began targeting Mid-Level Drug Trafficking Organizations. Byron's latest accomplishment involved infiltrating a large-scale PCP trafficking organization in which individuals were distributing over 3 1/2 gallons of PCP per month. During this case, the suspects taught Byron how to obtain, cut, package and distribute PCP. This investigation resulted in the arrest and prosecution of 26 defendants, and the seizure of multiple gallons of PCP with a street value of nearly \$400,000.00. This case was one of the largest PCP investigations ever conducted in Dallas, TX, and was worked exclusively by the Dallas Police Department in conjunction with the U.S. Attorney's Office.

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Drug/Narcotics Investigations

“Beyond the Street Level Dealer”

Course Objectives:

Mid-Level narcotic dealers are often over-looked by law enforcement agencies across the country. Local police departments spend a great deal of time arresting the same street-level dealers over and over again. Federal agencies primarily target upper-level drug organizations. These enforcement strategies leave a tremendous void in targeting mid-level drug organizations.

In the lucrative and violent world of drug dealing, firearms are used to protect illegal drug sales. In addition to protecting the drug sales, guns are used by drug dealers to intimidate the person making the drug buy, which for law enforcement purposes is usually an undercover officer.

Basic narcotic training courses focus on drug identification, types of informants, operational planning, and search warrant execution. Advanced narcotic training courses focus on drug cartels, money laundering, complex conspiracy investigations, and wiretap cases. While these two types of training programs are a necessary part of drug enforcement, there is a considerable gap in the training available to undercover law enforcement officers that target mid-level drug dealers.

Definition of Mid-Level Narcotic Investigations

Investigations targeting Drug trafficking organizations that are rarely investigated by the DEA and are too organized for street-level narcotic enforcement.

Examples

1. Federal investigations may last several years in duration, and primarily target the source of supply and leaders with direct connections to a drug source country (Mexico, Columbia...ect.)

2. Most local police departments conduct daily “buy-bust” scenarios where officers are arresting street-level dealers. In many cases, the street-level dealers that are arrested are typically drug users, distributing narcotics for members of an organization.

-The other individuals that are responsible for flooding the communities with drugs often evade arrest and prosecution because they are not targeted by law enforcement.

Objectives of Mid-Level Narcotic Investigations

A. Identify all members of organization, and define each members role:

1. Source of Supply
2. Leaders
3. Supervisors
4. Runners
5. Lookouts
6. Money Launderers
7. Trap Workers

B. Dismantle entire organization:

-Once all members of the organization have been identified, a detailed plan must be developed to target each member and level of the organization.

Example

To be effective, law enforcement officers must arrest the leaders and supervisors in drug organizations. When street-level dealers or “trap workers” are arrested over and over again, the supervisors and leaders of the organization simply replace them with other expendable individuals.

C. Improve quality of life for citizens in the target area:

- When an entire mid-level drug organization is shut down, there should be a drop in the crime rate, vehicular and pedestrian traffic should drop tremendously, and residents should feel safer to walk the streets.

Seminar Agenda

Drug / Narcotics Investigations

“Beyond the Street Level Dealer”

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Monday, July 20, 2009

- 8:00 a.m.—8:30 a.m. Registration
- 8:30 a.m.— 9:00 a.m. **Introduction**
- 9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m. **Understanding Mid Level Drug Enforcement**
- 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. **Mid-Level Crack Cocaine (one word), PCP, and Heroin Organizations**
- 12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m. Lunch (On Your Own)
- 1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. **Building a Multi-defendant Conspiracy Case**
- 3:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. **Conducting the Preliminary Investigation (Intelligence Gathering, Goals of Operation, Preliminary Investigation Report, Case Presentation)**

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

- 8:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m. **Firearm & Narcotics Investigations**
- 10:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m. **Initiating Undercover Operations**
- 12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m. Lunch (On Your Own)
- 1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. **Undercover Safety**

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

- 8:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m. **Psychological Affects on UC Officers**
- 10:00 a.m.— 12:00 a.m. **Ethics & Integrity in Drug Investigations**
- 12:00 p.m. **Certificate Presentation**

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Seminar Title:	Drug/Narcotics Investigations “Going Beyond the Street Level Dealer”	Seminar ID #8203
Instructor:	Byron Boston	
Seminar Location:	WEMA Training Center 110 Oak Street Lebanon, TN 91087	
When:	July 20, 21 & 22, 2009	
Registration Time:	8:00 A.M. (July 20, 2009)	
Hotel Reservations:	Holiday Inn Express 826 S Cumberland Street Lebanon, TN 37087 1-615-994-3225 \$69.99 single/double	Note: To receive special room rates, please identify yourself with PATC.
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