INTERVIEW AND INTERROGATION INSTITUTE

40-HOUR INVESTIGATOR INTERVIEW & INTERROGATION COURSE

HOSTED BY: **Ada County Sheriff's Office**
November 3rd-6th, 2026

Course Description:

This investigator training class specifically covers interview and interrogation techniques for Law Enforcement Officers and Investigators; featuring hands-on, experiential, proven interrogation techniques.

Upon completion of this course, officers will be able to:

- Properly plan and prepare for an interview/interrogation
- Enhance rapport-building
- Assess subject types
- Understand and assess deceptive behavior
- Understand and properly use questions
- Conduct free-format, cognitive, and elimination interviews
- Properly use subterfuge
- Utilize a 10-step confrontational interview/interrogation format
- Understand and effectively apply legal aspects of interrogation law
- Understand and apply the advanced concepts of Strategic Use of Evidence
- Formulate interrogation questions using Boards
- Utilize Question Funneling to elicit statement information
- Apply effective and legal interrogation tactics
- Know how to properly take a confession and close the session
- Proactively prevent false confessions and admissions

More information and updates can be found at: www.investigativeiq.com

(Students are provided a website password at the course to access the alumni section resources)

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Course Contents:

Topics presented include:

1. Predictable Human Behavior
2. Gestures and Proxemics
3. The Psychology of Deception
4. Utilizing Polygraphs and C.V.S.A
5. Free-Format, Cognitive, and Elimination Interviews
6. The 12-Strategic Interview Plan to Successful Interrogations
7. Practical, Hands-on Application of Techniques
8. Science Based Interviewing and much more!

Small group activities and discussions highlight knowledge and application of techniques.

Benefits To You:

You will learn how to “bullet-proof” your confessions. Managing liability is a top priority in law enforcement today. Completion of the classroom training provides the investigator with a firm grasp of effective and legal interview and interrogation techniques, saving the investigator time and resources as they gather the truth from victims, witnesses, and suspects to make the best law enforcement decisions possible. Participants will be able to immediately apply the techniques instructed. Alumni also receive ongoing support and are able to take advantage of our vast alumni network. See our website on why this training is important for a comprehensive list of benefits.

Who Should Attend:

Investigators, detectives, officers, agents, and supervisory personnel who are responsible for conducting or overseeing criminal interviews and interrogations of victims, witnesses, and suspects-- especially where suspect custody has attached.

Our course has been attended by Federal Investigators, Attorneys, and Prosecutors. Our course has been audited by California POST, the Washoe County District Attorney’s Office, and the Clark County District Attorney’s Office.

LOCATION: Ada County Sheriffs Office Training Center
3568 E. Lanark Street, Meridian, ID 83642

Course Length

Classroom training lasts for 40 hours. Students can miss 4 hours (10%) of the course with the exception of the last day final scenario exercise (participation in this exercise is mandatory, "no exceptions"). The course can run in any hourly/daily schedule necessary to accommodate host agency and/or officers. The class ultimately culminates in a final scenario/evaluation to ensure students leave with the necessary knowledge and skills to be successful in real-world case work.

Our Guarantee

If you attend one of our seminars and can honestly say it wasn't worth your time or money, we will refund your tuition in full. That's not a promise any of the competitors make.

References available upon request.

Requirements:

This is a hands-on course and participants will be required to actively participate in learning exercises throughout the course.

There will be required reading, quizzes, role-play exercises, and a final test as part of the course. Participants will be provided with their own student guide, forms packets, and material for taking notes during the course.

At the beginning of class, a scenario evaluation matrix is also provided for use in the final scenario exercise. This matrix is a useful tool for the investigator to use for self-evaluation of future interviews and interrogations.

Participants are encouraged (not mandated) to bring an existing case file to class to use as their final scenario exercise case example. The case file can be a closed or current case and should have a named suspect. The case file should also contain suspect background information. All interrogation classroom activities will be based on the case file.

Upon successful completion, participants will be issued a certificate.

FEES: **$599 per student (includes student packet & alumni resources access).**

Background:

Originating in Northern California, the Interviews and Interrogations Institute (III), now based in Nevada, has been providing superior law enforcement interview and interrogation training in the Western United States since 1982.

In 2012, III began instructing for the Los Angeles Police Detective Training Unit and assisting the unit in designing an in-service interview and interrogation course for ongoing in-service detective training.

III has provided interview and interrogation instruction for many large police departments and state agencies on an ongoing basis and multiple agencies have made our training a requirement for investigative assignments.

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Instructor:

Lieutenant (Ret.) Jason Woodard, Sparks Police Department

Jason holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management and is a 26-year law enforcement veteran.

His assignments included Patrol Officer, Detective, Patrol Sergeant, Detective Sergeant, Training Sergeant, and Watch Commander.

Jason has held investigative assignments in person crimes (including robbery homicide, child homicide and sex assaults), property crimes, backgrounds, and the U.S. Marshals Fugitive Strike Team; he was also a SWAT team member and Sniper Section Leader.

Jason was the lead case agent on numerous high-level cases as well as multiple capital homicide cases and developed a reputation within the law enforcement community for his interview and interrogative skill and compassionate treatment of victims and their families.

Jason has conducted hundreds of interviews and interrogations utilizing the techniques taught with great success; he has also trained hundreds of officers in the same disciplines.

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