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CRIME SCENE INTERVIEWING SKILLS FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

DATE: September 23, 2025

TIME: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Town & Country Inn and Suites

110 N. 54th Street

Quincy, IL

INSTRUCTOR: Domenic Cappelluti (retired), Waukegan Police Department

Meets IL Mandates: Civil Rights (4hrs.), Constitutional Use of LE Authority (4 hrs.), Lead Homicide Investigator (8 hrs.)

ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR:

Domenic Cappelluti is a veteran street cop and detective with the Waukegan (IL) Police Department and former Group Supervisor for the Lake County Major Crime Task Force. With over 20 years on the job, Domenic has specialized in high profile violent street crimes, including homicides, murder for hire cases on gang and narcotics officers, and officer involved shootings. During his career, Domenic has and supervised the Criminal Investigations Division and the Gang Suppression Unit. Domenic has investigated hundreds of gang and drug related operations throughout Lake County and the Chicago metropolitan area, primarily targeting Chicago-based street gangs. He is fluent in Spanish and Italian and has successfully conducted thousands of interviews, including interrogations in Spanish with Hispanic street gang members.

ABOUT THE COURSE:

This 8-hour seminar has been created to specifically prepare officers, investigators, command staff, coroners, deputy coroners, and other team members in becoming effective interviewers while navigating through today's complex crimes scenes and death investigations.

The first responder's responsibilities and their ability to effectively conduct truth-seeking interviews in a timely manner have proven to be a vital part of determining what happened. When establishing cause, manner, and the questionable circumstances of a violent crime, first responders are the first interviewers in the field. There is no room for error and time is valuable.

Having the skills to effectively interview reluctant witnesses, persons of interest, possible suspects, family members and other sources is priceless. Being on the front lines of today's most detailed investigations, first responders must be able to professionally gather crucial information early on. They must be able to effectively build rapport, empathize, and know the right approach while maintaining compassion and understanding. It is time to sharpen your skills and dig up the truth.

Non-Member Tuition:

\$0.00. Non-member tuition shall apply to State/Federal agencies and Local Law Enforcement agencies which are not members of MTU #9. Tuition will be invoiced to departments upon course completion. If a pre-registered student from a Non-Member agency fails to attend training, and the agency fails to provide advance notice within 7 days of the start date of that class, the agency will be invoiced the entire amount of the student's tuition. [See Tuition Policy Here](#)

No Shows/Cancellation Policy

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To Register: Follow this link to Register: <https://mtu9.org/page/3/register-now> If you experience problems or issues with registration, please email register@mtu9.org. ALL registrations must go through your Sheriff, Chief, or Training Officer.

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