



# *Drug Informant Management*

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**DATE:** June 6, 2023

**TIME:** 0800-1700

**LOCATION:** Virtual

**COST:** Free

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This course instructs new and experienced officers in the efficient, safe and legal protocols for developing, managing and deploying confidential informants in narcotics cases. Officers will be taught to identify and avoid potential ‘problem’ informants and integrity issues. Developing and utilizing a variety of informants, such as informants working off a new arrest; a sentence reduction; jail and prison inmates; probationers; parolees; paid informants; other officer’s informants and other categories, will be covered in this class. Briefing, debriefing and interviewing informants will be instructed. The registration process, cooperation letters, informant contracts, payment paperwork, informant testimony and other topics will be covered in this class. Officer safety, informant safety, and informant integrity will be emphasized. Topics will also include red flags and indicators associated with use of informants. This course incorporates relevant local geographic area narcotics, gang, law, crime and local influences.

**INSTRUCTOR:** Barry Ragsdale served twenty-nine (29) years with the Dallas Police Department before retiring in 2019 Barry spent 20 years assigned to the Narcotics Division as an undercover officer/detective, and as a supervisor. For almost seven (7) years, Barry was assigned to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration as a Task Force Officer (TFO) to investigate large-scale drug trafficking organizations. Barry began his law enforcement career with the Dallas Police Department in February 1990. In early 1995, Barry transferred to the Narcotics Division “Street Squads” where he was assigned to work in an undercover capacity purchasing illegal narcotics from street level dealers throughout the city of Dallas.

While working as a TFO with DEA, Barry was the case agent and lead undercover officer on numerous federal investigations ranging from the “Texas Syndicate” prison gang to Iranian MDMA/Ecstasy traffickers While assigned to the DEA Task Force, Barry initiated and worked on numerous complex conspiracy investigations where he worked as an undercover officer, surveillance officer, cultivated and managed CI’s, prepared search warrants, and assisted on Title III wiretap investigations. Barry has participated in numerous prosecutions of federal drug trafficking and money-laundering conspiracies.

After promoting to Sergeant, Barry was asked by a Deputy Chief to supervise a uniformed Drug Task Force responsible for targeting chronic drug house complaints by conducting covert surveillance, “Knock & Talk” operations, and vehicle traffic stops on felony drug dealers. In 2012, Barry transferred back to the Narcotics Division where he supervised numerous successful undercover investigations until his retirement in 2019.

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