

Fighting Fentanyl: Addressing the Opioid Epidemic



TOPICS COVERED

- Why Fentanyl
- Risks to Law Enforcement and proper PPE
- Recognition and awareness
- Symptoms of exposure
- Response to accidental exposure
- Naloxone deployment
- Preservation of Evidence during Active Investigation both on Patrol and Undercover operations
- Packaging and Distribution methods
- Undercover operations involving Heroin/Fentanyl
- Current cutting agent
- K9 Handling and detection
- Search warrant best practices/ Field Testing Safety Precautions



16 Training Hours

Course Overview

Heroin is a thing of the past! Fentanyl is taking over as the primary narcotic used by Opioid addicts. In 2017, 66k Americans died from an Opioid overdose, more than traffic accidents and gun related violence combined. The problem is Fentanyl provides a **substantial risk to Law Enforcement**. Fentanyl can be absorbed through skin, whether through accidental contact or inhalation of airborne powder. An amount the size of a few grains of salt can be enough to potentially kill a 250lb man.

From searching a suspect to a motor vehicle, many Officers are unaware of these risks and the results can be deadly. If this isn't scary enough, add Carfentanil to the list of cutting agents used with Heroin. Carfentanil is upwards of 1000x times stronger than Fentanyl and is absolutely fatal to humans. Today more than ever, Law Enforcement needs to prepare themselves to deal with this risk.

On day one of this two day training course we will breakdown Fentanyl and discuss the rise to Opioid abuse along with how to protect yourself from accidental exposure and possible overdose. We will familiarize you with the latest trends in packaging and distribution methods.

From the onset of an overdose, an Officer can die in less than 3 minutes. During this class you will learn how to recognize the symptoms and respond to an Officer exposure. We will discuss Naloxone and which products are best suited for LEOs. We will give you the tools you need to put policy and training in place at your home agency to preserve evidence safely and responsibly.

On day two, we will talk about cutting agents and Fentanyl clandestine labs which are increasingly popping up. We will discuss best practices for undercover and patrol operations where Fentanyl is the suspected narcotic. We will discuss and breakdown personal undercover cases involving Fentanyl and Carfentanil along with best practices for executing search warrants.

This two day training course will open your eyes to the dangers Fentanyl presents and provide officers a comprehensive approach to dealing with what some are calling the most dangerous threat to Law Enforcement in the last 100 years.