



**NATIONAL POLYGRAPH
ACADEMY**

3 DAY SPECIALIZED COURSE

AMARILLO COLLEGE WEST CAMPUS, Amarillo, TX

Ethical Interview and Interrogation Strategies: A New Look at an Old Challenge

DECEMBER 9 - 11, 2015

CLASS HOURS: 8:00AM - 5:00PM (8 hr/day)

This three-day course is developed for the new, experienced or supervising police investigator. It focuses on the most current research and defensible strategies for soliciting information and detecting lies.

The course begins with a comprehensive review and discussion of investigative interviewing that follows the conversation management approach and the P.E.A.C.E. model taught in the United Kingdom. Each student receives a personal copy of the text *Investigative Interviewing: The Conversation Management Approach* which provides them with the knowledge, understanding, and tools to help maximize disclosure and achieve their investigative objectives.

The second day of training begins with an introduction to human memory, including reasonable expectations and limitations for witnesses and suspects. This is followed by a comprehensive review of ethical interrogation strategies designed to foster genuine admissions and confessions. Discussions of low-risk and high-risk strategies are included to raise awareness of the benefits and potential liabilities of each. Additionally, safeguard strategies are provided to help decide whether admissions are likely true or false. Investigators learn methods to explain their strategies to laypersons who may include a potential jury pool. These strategies taught are based on social psychological techniques shown to leverage persuasion during difficult conversations. Cautions and safeguard recommendations are also discussed to ensure that employed strategies are ethical and likely to be perceived as such. Practice sessions and demonstrations are built into the program to allow students to develop and personalize the techniques taught.

During the final day of training, the course focuses on avoiding false confessions and defending against claims of false confessions using material from *Detecting Lies and Deceit, Pitfalls and Opportunities 2nd edition* by A. Vrij and *The Psychology of Interrogations and Confessions*, a handbook by G. Gudjonsson. Using lessons learned from *Convicting the Innocent* by Brandon Garrett, techniques known to increase the risk of false confessions are reviewed. Many recent psychological studies are additionally presented to familiarize the investigator with the most recent findings. This informs investigators about our current understanding of dangerous techniques and strategies and provides a warning about strategies that defense experts may use to discredit their confessions.

This course is intense in its pace and depth of material presented. Classes will be held for a minimum of eight hours each day with reading assignments and classroom participation required throughout the course.

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Cost:

\$350.00 for Non-PRPC Qualifying Students

Only \$20.00 for PRPC Sponsored (agency will be billed \$20 co-pay by PRPC)

"PRPC Sponsored" indicates the tuition and fees are paid for by the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission for municipal and county law enforcement officers in the top 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle. For courses of more than 20 hours, there will be a \$20 charge. These costs are billed by and payable to PRPC from the officer's agency.

Location: Amarillo College West Campus, Building C, Room 112, 6222 W. 9th Ave., Amarillo, Texas 79106

Directions: Take I-40 to the Bell Street Exit (North). Turn right on the West 9th Avenue Loop. Go under the overpass and through the first light. The Amarillo College West Campus is on the right. Building C is located on the back the of campus.

Target Audience/CEUs

New, experienced or supervising law enforcement investigators. TCOLE credit and general CEUs will be provided. For successful completion, this program must be attended in its entirety.

Enrollment Eligibility Notice: Students with outstanding obligations to Amarillo College may not be allowed to enroll in or complete a continuing education course until the obligations are fulfilled. Students who have received a Criminal Trespass Warning from Amarillo College will not be allowed to enroll in courses held on any AC campus unless the warning has been lifted.

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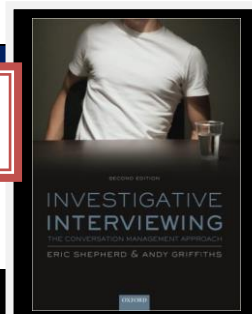
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