

# Basic Drug Identification



**Tuesday, February 23, 2016**

**8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

## Training Location

Amarillo College  
West Campus Lecture Hall  
6222 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Amarillo, TX 79106

## TOPICS COVERED

- Basic Drug Identification & Recognition
- Effects of Drug Use
- Field-Test Procedures & Certifications
- Common Paraphernalia
- Cutting Agents
- Precursors
- Prescription Drug Problems
- Street Level vs. Upper Level
- Concealment Methods
- Proper Documentation
- Courtroom Testimony
- Violent Encounters with Drug Impaired Suspects



## 8 Training Hours

## Course Overview

Illegal narcotic trafficking impacts nearly every city in the United States, regardless of the size or socio-economic status of the community. It is imperative that law enforcement officials and those working with offenders be able to readily identify and recognize common street drugs.

Over the past several years, drug dealers have become extremely creative at distributing narcotics in various forms. For instance, when most people think of heroin users, they think of needles and track marks on the users' arms. Recent heroin arrests have revealed that users are actually liquefying the heroin, and snorting it using Visine bottles. This example is just one of dozens of new trends that professionals need to become familiar with.

This one day training course will provide in-depth instruction on basic drug identification as well as the effects of the drugs used. Paraphernalia and cutting agents for each drug will be discussed in great lengths. Attendees will also learn the proper techniques for field-testing narcotics using the "Narco Pouch" system. Officers who need it will receive a field-test certification upon successfully completing this course.

The final portion of this training focuses on proper documentation, report writing, and courtroom testimony as it relates to drug identification and recognition. Attendees will participate in a case study where poor drug identification and improper field-testing procedures led to an officer being convicted of a felony offense.

**Byron Boston** began his law enforcement career with the Dallas Police Department in May 1996. He has worked on local drug task forces taking down drug dealers and violent gang members. In 2010, Byron was selected to join a Federal Task Force specifically designed to target Mexican Drug Trafficking Organizations impacting the Southwest Border. Through this elite unit, Byron learned the inner-workings and the structure of Mexican Cartels.

In 2014, the City of Dallas witnessed several drug-related overdose deaths involving North Texas teens. Byron and his partner were tasked with conducting an undercover operation to target the sources of those narcotics. After using unconventional undercover techniques, Byron and his partner were able to infiltrate several Rave/Club Drug organizations and arrest dozens of suspects responsible for the deaths of the teens. As a result of the investigation, Byron and his partner were nominated for Dallas Police Officer of the Year in July 2015.

Byron's unique narcotic experiences have enabled him to teach both undercover officers and patrol officers on the most effective ways to target all levels of drug dealers. He is a certified law enforcement training instructor, and he has presented training courses to thousands of military, federal, state, and local law enforcement officers in the United States & Canada with extremely high reviews.

# Prescribed

***"Fighting the War Against Prescription Drug Abuse"***



**Wednesday, February 24, 2016**

**8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

## **Training Location**

Amarillo College  
West Campus Lecture Hall  
6222 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Amarillo, TX 79106

## **TOPICS COVERED**

- Current Trends and Statistics
- Basic Pill Identification
- User Base
- Identifying "Pill Mills"
- Case Building and Current Law
- Teenage Overdose Concerns
- Difficulties with Prosecution
- Case studies on Law Enforcement affected by Prescription Meds



**8 Training Hours**

## **Course Overview**

There is a new, silent war on drugs that is sweeping the nation on an epidemic scale. It is Prescription Medication abuse. What was once utilized to legally treat chronic pain sufferers, injured athletes, people recovering from surgery, people with anxiety/depression/A.D.D., or the occasional "weekend warrior" injury, has now become more deadly than hard-core street drugs. Recent statistics show that last year more people died from prescription medication overdose than heroin and cocaine overdoses combined. More than 12 million people reported using prescription painkillers non-medically in 2010, using them instead to get "high."

This epidemic is not confined to low income or high crime areas like we often see with street drug abuse. This epidemic attacks every person who has a medicine cabinet that contains prescription medication. We are seeing prominent lawyers, police officers, and professional athletes becoming addicted to prescription medication daily. What makes the epidemic even more difficult to contain, is that doctors and local "mom and pop" pharmacies are writing and filling prescriptions in "pill mill" operations, aiding local drug dealers in pushing these medications to the street in large volumes.

This one day training course was designed to educate both the uniformed patrol officer and Detectives in identifying the three main types of abused prescription drugs – Opioids, Amphetamine like drugs, and Benzodiazepines (Xanax); identify areas where prescription drugs are abused and the doctors and pharmacies that are supplying the drugs; building a case; and effectively shutting down these "pill mills."

The instructor for this course has over 13 years of experience working narcotics cases for a large metropolitan police department. He has received several awards for his work against those affiliated with Mexican Drug Cartels and violent gang members. He was the lead detective in a case targeting individuals involved in distributing prescription drugs and club drugs that had resulted in overdose deaths and sexual assaults of minors. He has presented narcotics-related training to thousands of military, federal, state, and local law enforcement officers across the country with extremely high reviews.

# BASIC DRUG IDENTIFICATION & PRESCRIBED – February 23/24, 2016

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**Location: Amarillo College West Campus, Lecture Hall, 6222 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Ave., Amarillo, Texas 79106**

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Law enforcement officers, probation and parole officers, substance abuse counselors, licensed social workers and counselors, caseworkers, teachers and school administrators, and all other related professionals.

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