

# Covert Surveillance

**Instructor: Mike Halbleib**

Michael Halbleib is currently a Lt Colonel with the Bullitt County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Unit. Michael began his career with the Louisville Police Department in 1992. He was soon promoted to Detective with the Metro Narcotics Major Case Unit. He investigated numerous major case narcotic trafficking organizations and assisted in the prosecution and conviction of several criminal syndicates / conspiracies. Michael was awarded the Louisville Police Officer of the Year in 2000 while in the major case narcotics unit. He was a Field Training Officer and spent 5 years with the Homicide Unit and SWAT. Michael has been teaching in the field of narcotics for the community, police in-service classes and recruit classes for 16 years. Michael was also awarded the Executive Merit Award, the Jefferson County Judge Executive's Merit Award and nominated for the 2009 & 2010 Bluecoat's Officer of the Year. Currently Michael is a Lt Colonel and manages a narcotics unit that focuses on mid-level and major case cartel investigations. He is also a certified police instructor with the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council and an expert witness for the Jefferson and Bullitt County Commonwealth Attorney's Offices.

## **Course Objectives:**

### **Surveillance Equipment**

Officers will learn to be familiar with surveillance equipment and how to legally use it in their investigations.

### **Surveillance Techniques**

Officers will learn different types of surveillance techniques and how to use them in their investigations.

### **Surveillance**

Officers will learn how to conduct mobile and stationary surveillance and avoid detection. Officers will also learn how to conduct electronic surveillance using multiple methods.

### **Operation Plan**

An operation plan also gives officers important information which provides them with detailed information regarding the suspect(s) and/or location and the type of surveillance they will be conducting. It also provides information regarding the officers involved and their responsibilities during the surveillance.

### **Deconfliction**

Instructors will discuss how deconfliction programs can inform officers of other agency's investigations. This will allow the combined efforts of officers from different agencies to work together for the goal of apprehending and assisting in the prosecution of criminals.

### **Chronological Investigative Timelines**

Officers will know how to create investigative timelines which will assist them in organizing their case files, drafting search warrants, and preparing for prosecution.

### **Tracker Search Warrants**

Officers will know how to write GPS tracker search warrants. They will also learn how to safely and properly install a GPS tracker.

### **Pole Cam Court Orders**

Officers will know how to write pole cam court orders.

### **Cellular Ping Search Warrants**

Officers will know how to write cellular ping search warrants.

### **Sealing Search Warrants**

Officer will know the importance of sealing search warrants to protect the identity of informants and their ongoing investigation.

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## Practicals

Officers will be given practicals which will cover the following areas:

- Writing a GPS Tracker
- Surveillance Operations Plan
- Installation of a GPS Tracker
- Nighttime Surveillance
- Daytime Surveillance
- Vehicle Surveillance
- Foot Surveillance
- Surveillance with GPS Tracker
- Surveillance without GPS Tracker

This class is **nontraditional training** compared to current PATC courses.

\* **Day 1 will begin at 4:00 p.m. and conclude at 12:00 a.m.** Much of this day will be nighttime surveillance.

\* **Day 2 will begin at 8:00 a.m. and conclude at 4:00 p.m.** Much of this day will be daytime surveillance.

This allows the attendees to have significant hands-on training in the field for much of this class.

\*A signed release will be required to participate.

## Day 1

4:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

**Registration/ Introduction**

4:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.

Covert Surveillance Techniques

5:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m.

Search Warrant Ping / Search Warrant Tracker

6:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Brief Surveillance Practical

7:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

Write Search Warrant for Tracker - Practical

7:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

**Dinner (On Your Own)**

8:00 p.m.—11:30 p.m.

Night Surveillance Practical

11:30 p.m.—12:00 a.m.

Night Surveillance  
Practical Debrief/ Tracker  
Install Practical

## Day 2

8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Day Surveillance Practical

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11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

**Lunch (On Your Own)**

1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

Day Surveillance Practical

3:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m.

Day Surveillance Practical Debrief

3:30 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

Questions / Open Discussion / Critique

4:00 p.m.

**Certificate Presentation**

