

Strategic Suspect Interviewing Techniques

November 1, 2023 – 8:30AM to 5:00PM

Schererville Community Center

500 E. Joliet St., Schererville, IN 46375



Training Summary:

Strategic interviewing is a vital, yet often overlooked, component to comprehensive crime gun investigative methods and tools, and is especially useful in prosecuting the more difficult “constructive” possession cases. It can also help prove guilt by circumstantial evidence in other types of prosecutions such as arsons, bombings, and federal § 924(c) gun offenses. Throughout the presentation, short video clips (2 minutes on average) from actual interviews will be incorporated with role-playing exercises (optional) and case law references to facilitate learning. This course emphasizes the “why,” so the attendee is better motivated to learn.

The attendee will learn how to strategically approach suspect interviews as part of the overall case and reach the “beyond a reasonable doubt” threshold for a criminal conviction. This includes how to quickly establish rapport with career criminals, gather the elements of the offense (within the legal playbook), cover the legal defenses, and handle Miranda scenarios such as re-initiations or re-approaches based on case law. The attendee will also be provided with case law associated with a particular technique.

Instructor Bio:

ATF Special Agent Dino Balos is a 25-year federal law enforcement officer. He is a certified ATF instructor who has investigated hundreds of firearms, explosives, and arson cases -- many of which were supported by reliable confessions as evidence -- and has testified concerning confessions or admissions made to him as part of the prosecution's case-in-chief. S/A Balos is assigned to the ATF Tampa Field Division. Other duty assignments include the ATF Boston Field Division's Arson & Explosives Group and the U.S. Bomb Data Center at ATF Headquarters in Washington DC. Prior to ATF, he was a special agent at the Office of Inspector General investigating fraud, waste, and abuse in programs administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Attendees should be: Detectives, agents, gang officers, or other positions that regularly conduct suspect interviews.

To register for this training, please email the officer's name, agency, rank/position, and email address to: USAINN.Conference@usdoj.gov by COB October 23, 2023.

List email Subject as **Nov 1 Interview Course**, as multiple course come into the same inbox.

Note, the Schererville Police Department is Hosting this event.

This training is free and spots are reserved on a first come, first serve basis