

LACONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT
Laconia, New Hampshire

TRAINING REQUEST

Date Submitted: 3-19-21

Course Title: American Association of Police Polygraphists

Location: Cleveland, OH

Officer(s): Lt. Kevin M. Butler

Dates: May 17 - May 21, 2021 Travel Dates: ~~***~~ May 16 and May 21, 2021

Course Description: (attach brochure if available on reverse) This is a required Semi-annual conference/training seminar. As a member of the AAPP, I am required to have 30 hours of AAPP sanctioned polygraph training every 2 years. I last attended an AAPP training Conference in 2019.

ESTIMATED COST
Tuition: \$ 320.⁰⁰ Meals: \$ 363.⁰⁰ Room: \$ 808.⁸⁸ Travel: \$ 403 Total: \$ 1828.88

RECOMMENDATION: *Explain how this training will benefit the mission of the Department and why this officer(s) is the appropriate choice for this particular training. Continue on back if necessary.*

Immediate Supervisor: _____ Date: _____
Comments: _____

Recommended Not Recommended

Operations Division: _____ Date: _____
Comments: _____

Recommended Not Recommended

Support Division: [Signature] Date: 3/19/21
Comments: MANDATORY TRAINING TO STAY CURRENT ON POLYGRAPH.

Recommended Not Recommended

Training Coordinator: [Signature] Date: 03.27.2021
Comments: _____

Recommended Not Recommended

APPROVAL:

Chief of Police: [Signature] Date: 4/1/2021 APPROVED DENIED

Police Commission: _____ Date: _____ APPROVED DENIED



AAPP Conference Classes

Cleveland, OH (05/17/2021 - 05/21/2021)

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QC One on One Confidential Chart Review - Bring your own charts!

Friday 05/21/2021 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Bring your own charts for confidential chart review with Elmer Criswell of the NCTC Polygraph Training Program.

Mr. Criswell will break for lunch from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Instructors: Elmer Criswell Jr

Empirical Scoring System - Multinomial (ESS-M) Implementing with Confidence

Friday 05/21/2021 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

This training session introduces the Empirical Scoring System - Multinomial (ESS-M) and provides implementation procedures. Attendees will learn the benefits of using ESS-M and be able to implement or transition to ESS-M. The first half is applicable to Federal, State, and local law enforcement. The second half has high applicability for agencies using or transitioning to ESS-M. Successful implementation includes being able to write and explain ESS-M reports, being able to identify and use the correct multinomial distribution table, and being able to provide quality control of ESS-M report narratives for oneself or other examiners. This training strongly supports the intent of the AAPP in promoting widespread adoption of evidence based practices. Tom Coffey is with the Chicago Police Department.

Instructors: Thomas Coffey

Research of Hand Scoring and Computer TDA for QA

Friday 05/21/2021 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

This course will present research results on variance in examiner scoring of polygraph test data and its impact on cut off scores and decision making. Use of computer measurements and increased clarity on ESS scoring rules will be discussed. The importance of reducing Standard Deviation in polygraph test scoring will be explained. A discussion will follow on modifying cut scores with poor data quality. Pat O'Burke is the Director of the Polygraph Institute.

Instructors: James Patrick O'Burke



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Case Study - Chris Watts Homicides

Monday 05/17/2021 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

This case study examines the details of the August 2018 missing person investigation out of Frederick, Colorado, involving Chris Watts' pregnant wife, Shanann, and two young daughters, Bella and Celeste. Chris appeared to be the "ultimate family man," but that was quickly refuted after a failed polygraph examination. Chris ultimately confessed to strangling Shanann and burying her in a shallow grave and smothering Bella and Celeste and disposing of their bodies inside an oil tank battery where he worked. Three months after the murders, Chris plead guilty to all charges and was sentenced to five life sentences plus 84 years in prison. This case study will highlight the lessons learned during the investigation as well as the importance of utilizing polygraph early on in missing person investigations. Tammy Lee is with the Colorado Department of Public Safety.

Instructors: Tammy Lee

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Instructors: Elmer Criswell Jr

False Confessions: The Problem, the Research and the Realities

Tuesday 05/18/2021 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

This presentation will discuss the false confession phenomenon. It will include not only a discussion of what are confessions are, but the manner in which they have been studied by academic researchers to date. The failure and limitations of the existing research will also be discussed as the academic and advocacy-based approaches to the false confession problem will be compared to the experiences of law enforcement polygraph examiners who routinely interrogate criminal subjects in real-world situations. Special Agent Bradford Beyer is assigned to the FBI Detroit Field Office.

Instructors: Bradford Beyer

Testing Newer Generations

Tuesday 05/18/2021 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

This presentation shows the generational changes that have occurred in Y/Z generations. It will demonstrate effective ways to talk with younger generations and gain truthful responses. Christopher Campbell is with the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigations.

Instructors: Christopher Campbell



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Courtroom Testimony

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Stuart Fenton is with the Emmet County, Michigan Prosecutor's Office.

Instructors: Stuart Fenton

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Scientific Domains Related to Psychophysiology

Tuesday 05/18/2021 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

During this block, a general overview of polygraph and its scientific domains will be explored. Emphasis will be given to relevant issues influencing polygraph use in both diagnostic and screening settings. This course will specifically cover the scientific literature, legal issues, misunderstanding, and best practices. Attendees are welcome to bring questions or difficulties they have experienced with polygraph in the past. Gil Witte is with the San Diego Police Department and PEAK Credibility Assessment Training Center.

Instructors: Guillermo Witte

Test Data Analysis

Tuesday 05/18/2021 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Mark Pszenny is with the NSA.

Instructors: Mark Pszenny

Post Conviction Sex Offender Testing (PSCOT)

Tuesday 05/18/2021 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

This lecture will discuss various considerations related to PCSOT testing, including test techniques, decision rules, test question construction and pretest interview strategies, use of mind maps, successive hurdles, APA standards and model policies, and certainly more as the discussion develops with audience members. Ben Blalock is the Director of PEAK Credibility Assessment Training Center.

Instructors: Benjamin Blalock

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Wednesday 05/19/2021 1:30 PM - 5:00 PM

With Bruce White

Instructors: Bruce White



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Limestone Technologies

Wednesday 05/19/2021 1:30 PM - 5:00 PM

With James Brown and Davide Bethune

Instructors: James Brown

Lafayette Instrument Company

Wednesday 05/19/2021 1:30 PM - 5:00 PM

With Steve and Jennifer Rider

Instructors: Steve Rider

Stoelting Company

Wednesday 05/19/2021 1:30 PM - 5:00 PM

With Sue Luttrell

Instructors: Sue Luttrell

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Instructors: Elmer Criswell Jr

Best Practices: Pre-employment Screen for Law Enforcement/Public Safety

Thursday 05/20/2021 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

This training session reviews evidence-based optimal practices for pre-employment screening of law enforcement and other public safety applicants. These practices were identified and developed during applicant screening operations conducted 2014 – 2020 to maintain the personnel strength of the Chicago Police Department. These practices were developed to maximize information gain. These practices evolved to decrease liability to the examiner and agency and to defend denial of employment for unqualified candidates. The lessons learned are applicable to public safety agencies of all sizes. Tom Coffey is with the Chicago Police Department.

Instructors: Thomas Coffey

Confirmatory Polygraph Testing

Thursday 05/20/2021 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

This block will discuss those instances where it becomes necessary to assess the credibility of an informant, witness, or in rare instances (and when permissible by law), to confirm allegations from a victim. The instructor's actual case of testing a bizarre rape allegation will be the primary focus of the block. Dale Austin is retired from the US Government and is currently the owner and operator of Austin Polygraph Training.

Instructors: Dale Austin



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TDLR

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Matt Mull and David Stewart are with the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Instructors: Matt Mull, David Stewart

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Pre-Tests - Common Examiner Errors

Thursday 05/20/2021 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Special Agent Bradley Beeler is with US Secret Service.

Instructors: Brad Beeler

Countermeasures from the Field and for Real/Standard Practices in Polygraph

Thursday 05/20/2021 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Nigel Lange is with the Georgia Department of Public Safety.

Instructors: Nigel Lange

Tactical Polygraph

Friday 05/21/2021 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

This block of instruction will be over implementing and utilizing the tactical polygraph. Instructors will present information on conducting this type of exam as well how these types of exams were implemented with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. In this block of instruction there will be case reviews on cases of previously undisclosed child sex crimes. Jeff Johnson is with the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Instructors: Jeff Johnson

Mind Maps

Friday 05/21/2021 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Mind Maps are visual diagrams of relevant topics/issues that are to be tested via polygraph. Using Mind Maps, the examiner develops better rapport with the examinee and provides an operational definition of the terms used in the relevant question. Visual use of diagrams results in significant improvements in the comprehension and understanding, relative to when only text or verbal approaches are used. Chip Morgan is a Senior Instructor and Co-Director of the Backster School of Lie Detection

Instructors: Clifford (Chip) Morgan