



2017 Current Legal Issues for Law Enforcement Session One

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Coolidge Hall, Topsfield Fair Grounds
207 Boston Street, Topsfield MA
8:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.
(registration/light continental breakfast- 7:45 a.m.)

Purpose

High quality inservice training is essential

- Ongoing, well-delivered training increases professionalism and decreases the likelihood of lawsuits.
- It is significantly more cost-effective to provide training than risk liability [1]

- Our Instructor is certified and our materials are approved for veteran officer, inservice credit by the Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC).

Our program for 2017

The MIIA and Law Enforcement Dimensions (LED) program features:

1. 4 hour or 8 hour classroom session for your officers . [2]
2. Course manual for each officer (approximately 100 pages).
3. Monthly legal updates for department-wide distribution from October 2016 to June 2017 nine months)
4. Diagnostic exercise to reinforce concepts
5. Certificates of attendance

What's on the agenda? Just *some* of the critical areas we tackle:

Motor Vehicle & Field Stops.

- Pedestrian and bicyclist protection
- Marijuana stops
- Proper frisks of vehicles
- Inventory and impoundment of vehicles

Regulation of "Drones."

Protective Custody Clinic

- Alcohol (111B) & *new* Drugs (111E)
- Mental Health (123) & Medical Treatment (*Shine v. Vega*).
- Juvenile runaways & at-risk youth (119)
- Animals treated cruelly, fighting, or confined in a car (272 and 140).

Firearms and Liability

- Key non-arrest situations: Expired license, restriction, change of address.
- Tasers and the 2nd Amendment

Domestic Violence & Civil Rights

- Police entry based on exigency..
- Police treatment of transgender individuals

Criminal Offenses

- Secret Sexual Surveillance
- Child Endangerment
- Obstruction of Justice
- Larceny from Person
- Larceny from Building
- Stolen Valor Offense

Criminal Procedure

- Search incident to arrest (including cell phones)
- Exercise of right to silence and *Miranda*
- Quick review of critical ID card protocol
- Duty to preserve exculpatory evidence

Any late breaking developments!

Attendance at this seminar qualifies the MIIA member for 1% credit under the FY 17 MIIA Law Enforcement or Public Officials categories.

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-- the founder of Law Enforcement Dimensions -has educated police officers for over 20 years. He is the author of the most widely used manuals on motor vehicle law, criminal law and procedure, and juvenile issues in Massachusetts.

He has taught throughout the Commonwealth on a variety of legal and human relations topics of concern to law enforcement. Notable clients include the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance

Association (MIIA); Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA); State Police; Boston Police; Massachusetts Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (MACLEA); and Executive Officer of Public Safety & Security (EOPSS).

From 2003 - 2012, Scheft designed the Municipal Police Training Committee's (MPTC) inservice program and served as its Principal Legal Instructor. Before that, he worked as a police trainer for the Attorney General and as an Assistant District Attorney in Middlesex County, where he specialized in sexual assault cases. A graduate of Northeastern University's School of Law and Harvard University, Scheft lives with his wife and two children in Arlington.

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