Course Announcement

To: All Law Enforcement Agencies

From: James M. Beatty, Sr.
Director of Criminal Justice
Wor-Wic Community College

Date: March 17, 2010

Re: Marijuana Grow Investigations
(95-08) A105500 (16.0 hours)
June 2 to 3, 2010
MPTC Approval # Pending

Location: Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy
Workforce Development Center/Room 103ABC
32000 Campus Drive
Salisbury, MD 21804
410-572-8750
FAX 410-572-8759

Dates & Times: Wednesday, June 2  7:45 am to 5:00 pm
Thursday, June 3   8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Fee: Wicomico County $3
     Worcester/Somerset Counties $3
     Other Counties $3
     Out of State $3

This course is designed to make officers familiar with cultivation trends in the United States and be able to identify the signs that indicate the presence of an indoor or outdoor marijuana grow operation. This course will emphasize the skills necessary to draft an affidavit for a search warrant and give credible testimony in criminal trials. Other topics that will be discussed will be cannabis cultivation, aerial detection, equipment and legal considerations.

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Identify the different strains of the cannabis plant.
2. Identify the equipment used in the indoor grow operation and the probable cause generated by its use.
3. Describe the techniques for identifying structures suspected of indoor grow operations and prepare the case for prosecution.
4. Identify critical elements necessary for drafting an affidavit for a search warrant.
Since we are restricted to the size of the class, we suggest a quick response be made to reserve your seat/s. Reservations may be made by telephone but MUST be followed up with the enclosed reservation form that can be faxed to Ms. Etta Smith, ESCJA secretary. All class reservations must be submitted to the ESCJA on the attached form via fax or mail, to ensure your reservation.

NOTE: Anyone attending this in-service must be in attendance for the full session. Time missed will be deducted from the hours available for in-service credit. All officers wearing a handgun on campus in plain view MUST also wear his/her badge in plain view.

Dress Code

Please remind attendees of the academy dress code which is uniform or court appropriate attire only. No jeans, shorts, sweat clothes or casual attire are permitted unless specifically required for the class (e.g. Defensive Tactics). If you have any questions please call the academy at 410-572-8750.

You will be billed by Wor-Wic Community College billing office. If you need to contact them, their number is 410-334-2923.
Reservation Section

To reserve seats for this school, please complete this form in its entirety and return it promptly. For all officers attending you must provide their name and MPTC certification number as well as all other pertinent information requested below.

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION
FAX 410-572-8759 or email esmith@worwic.edu

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Name (Please Print)                                      Certification # (Required)
1. ________________________________________________
2. ________________________________________________
3. ________________________________________________
4. ________________________________________________
5. ________________________________________________

Sheriff/Chief/Warden/Manager_________________________Date________________

Contact Person (Please Print)_________________________Phone #________________

Department/Agency________________________________

Address___________________________________________City________________State______Zip_______

Cancellation Section

Please complete this section to withdraw any officer from the above course. This form must be completed and faxed (410-572-8759) to the academy office prior to the beginning of the class.