



# Tactical Field Interviewing

*The Wicklander-Zulawski Seminar on Tactical Field Interviewing* is designed to teach and reinforce the sound fundamentals of the field interviewing process for the patrol officer, field investigator, detective, police officer, special agent, or other law enforcement professional. Course participants learn a broad range of cutting-edge methods proprietary tools to conduct more effective interviews. The benefits are more actionable intelligence, quicker admissions and better statements.

The skill sets taught allow investigators to uncover terrorist plans directed at critical infrastructure so they may intervene to deter criminal activity. These interviewing techniques are also specifically designed to deal with money laundering and fraud schemes, which may be used in furtherance of the criminal or terrorist enterprise. Seminar participants will learn to apply interviewing techniques that most often will bring these cases to a successful conclusion.

## SEMINAR TOPICS INCLUDE:

**INTERVIEW vs. INTERROGATION:** A review of the differences between interview and interrogation will be presented as well as the advantages and disadvantages of conducting a tactical interview during a field contact or crime scene investigation.

**LEGAL ASPECTS OF TACTICAL FIELD INTERVIEWS:** A review of the laws regarding criminal interview and interrogation, Miranda warnings, consent to search, and the development of an admission into a legally acceptable confession will be presented.

**COUNTER-TERRORISM INTERDICTION QUESTIONING:** This section includes questioning techniques that can be utilized during a tactical interview of a potential terrorist suspect. Baseline and behavior-provoking questions will be discussed.

**INTERPRETATION OF PHYSICAL AND VERBAL BEHAVIOR:** Evaluation and interpretation of physical and verbal behavior that could indicate deception during a tactical encounter on the street, or in the controlled environment of a police facility will be presented.

**COGNITIVE INTERVIEWING TECHNIQUES:** This module includes cognitive interviewing techniques that can be utilized when interviewing a traumatized victim or a cooperating witness. These techniques will assist the subject in recalling more detail about the incident under investigation. Presented in this section will be techniques in establishing rapport and the concept of Neurolinguistics.

**ENTICEMENT QUESTIONS:** A class exercise and discussion will be presented to introduce behavior-provoking non-accusatory questions which can be asked to entice a suspect into changing his original story. Careful formatting of these questions is critical in determining the true status of the subject's truthfulness.

**REDUCING RESISTANCE:** Instruction on how to use rationalizations to reduce a suspect's resistance during a field interview. Also included are techniques that encourage cooperation from a reluctant or fearful witness or victim.

**OBTAINING THE ADMISSION:** A discussion of how alternative and assumptive questions can be utilized to obtain an admission and develop the admission into a confession.

**DEVELOPING AND HANDLING INFORMANTS:** Developing and handling informants is essential in constructing a successful terrorism-related or gang-involved criminal case. Information will be presented to develop and improve the officer's ability to utilize informants as a valuable resource.

The course is especially appropriate for those investigators tasked with the investigation of domestic or foreign terrorism and terrorist-related activities. Criminal activities traditionally investigated by law enforcement may have provided cover and funding for terrorist organization in the United States and abroad. Investigators conducting these inquiries will learn to apply interview and interrogation techniques, which most often will bring these cases to a successful conclusion.

Instruction includes a comprehensive overview of a variety of non-confrontational interview and interrogation techniques to overcome the resistance of a traditional criminal or a terrorist operative. Seminar participants will learn to assess verbal and non-verbal behavior, to offer rationalizations, handle denials, detect deception and evaluate truthfulness.