

CITY OF RAPID CITY
TRAVEL REQUEST

Person requesting travel Cathy Bock Department Police Department

I hereby request permission to travel for the following purpose: (Give specific nature of business and interest of the City to justify cost involved.)
Drug / Narcotics Investigation

List all other City employees, if any, making the trip for the same purpose: Scott Sitts

Place of meeting or destination: Longmont, CO
Date of meeting Sept. 9-11, 2009
Date trip to begin Sept. 8th Date trip will end Sept. 11th
Method of transportation requested dept. vehicle

Estimated transportation cost \$ 75.00
Meals 250.00
Lodging 3 days 570.00
Other costs - description Registration 590.00

Total estimated cost of trip \$ 1485.00

Signed Cathy Bock #411 Date 7-21-09 [Signature] Date 8-6-09
(person requesting travel) (Department Head)

When the cost of the trip will exceed \$500, per employee, this section must be signed.

In accordance with the provisions of Rapid City ordinances and travel regulations, consent is hereby given for travel as requested in the foregoing application. Maximum cost of trip authorized is \$ _____

Approved: _____ Date _____
Mayor

When the cost of the trip will exceed \$1,500, per event, Council approval is required.

Approved by Common Council on _____ (Date)

White copy - Mayor

Yellow copy - Finance

Gold copy - Department copy

**RAPID CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT
MEMORANDUM**

July 29, 2009

MEMO TO: Captain Cady

FROM: C. Bock, #411

SUBJECT: Drug/Narcotics Investigations

I would like to attend the Drug/Narcotics Investigations Seminar held in Longmont, CO on Sept. 9th-11th 2009. In February 2009 I was assigned to the Unified Narcotics Enforcement Team and as of today's date I have not attended any formal drug investigations training. Scott Sitts was recently appointed to the vacant UNET spot and would also like to attend this school. Below is the cost associated for two people to attend this training.

Registration: \$590.00
Lodging: \$570.00 (3 nights two rooms)
Gas: \$75.00
Per-Diem: \$250.00

Total: \$1485.00

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Detective

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Public Agency Training Council

Jim Alsup, Director



**National Criminal Justice
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Longmont Police Department
Longmont, Colorado**

Training Seminar

Drug/Narcotics Investigation

“Going Beyond the Street Level Dealer”

**Instructor:
Byron Boston
Dallas Police Department
Dallas, Texas**

Byron Boston began his law enforcement career with the Dallas Police Department in May 1996. In 1998 he was selected to join the department's patrol division drug task force, Byron participated in hundreds of felony drug arrests.

After working on the drug task force for several years, Byron was recruited to work on the ATF Violent Crimes Task Force. While assigned to the ATF Task Force, Byron was the lead undercover officer on numerous long-term narcotic & firearm investigations, one of which lasted nearly a year in duration. During that investigation, Byron rented an undercover apartment where he was taught by drug dealers how to cook, cut, and package crack cocaine. Byron was also trained in both “trap” and “stash” houses on the inside structure of how crack cocaine dealers truly operate. In addition to making undercover narcotic purchases, Byron purchased firearms that included: common street weapons, machine guns, and a grenade launcher.

Byron is currently assigned to a Mid-Level Enforcement squad within the Dallas Police Narcotics Division. Byron brought all of his knowledge and expertise to his new squad and began targeting Mid-Level Drug Trafficking Organizations. Byron's latest accomplishment involved infiltrating a large-scale PCP trafficking organization in which individuals were distributing over 3 1/2 gallons of PCP per month. During this case, suspects taught Byron how to obtain, cut, package and distribute PCP. This investigation resulted in the arrest and prosecution of 26 defendants, and the seizure of multiple gallons of PCP with a street value of nearly \$400,000.00. This case was one of the largest PCP investigations ever conducted in Dallas, TX, and was worked exclusively by the Dallas Police Department in conjunction with the U.S. Attorney's Office.

September 9, 10 & 11, 2009
Longmont, Colorado

Register On-Line At: www.patc.com

Drug/Narcotics Investigations "Beyond the Street Level Dealer"

Course Objectives:

Mid-Level narcotic dealers are often over-looked by law enforcement agencies across the country. Local police departments spend a great deal of time arresting the same street-level dealers over and over again. Federal agencies primarily target upper-level drug organizations. These enforcement strategies leave a tremendous void in targeting mid-level drug organizations.

In the lucrative and violent world of drug dealing, firearms are used to protect illegal drug sales. In addition to protecting the drug sales, guns are used by drug dealers to intimidate the person making the drug buy, which for law enforcement purposes is usually an undercover officer.

Basic narcotic training courses focus on drug identification, types of informants, operational planning, and search warrant execution. Advanced narcotic training courses focus on drug cartels, money laundering, complex conspiracy investigations, and wiretap cases. While these two types of training programs are a necessary part of drug enforcement, there is a considerable gap in the training available to undercover law enforcement officers that target mid-level drug dealers.

Definition of Mid-Level Narcotic Investigations

Investigations targeting drug trafficking organizations that are rarely investigated by the DEA and are too organized for street-level narcotic enforcement.

Examples

1. Federal investigations may last several years in duration, and primarily target the source of supply and leaders with direct connections to a drug source country (Mexico, Columbia...ect.).

2. Most local police departments conduct daily "buy-bust" scenarios where officers are arresting street-level dealers. In many cases, the street-level dealers that are arrested are typically drug users, distributing narcotics for members of an organization.

-The other individuals that are responsible for flooding the communities with drugs often evade arrest and prosecution because they are not targeted by law enforcement.

Objectives of Mid-Level Narcotic Investigations

A. Identify all members of organization, and define each members role:

1. Source of Supply
2. Leaders
3. Supervisors
4. Runners
5. Lookouts
6. Money Launderers
7. Trap Workers.

B. Dismantle entire organization:

-Once all members of the organization have been identified, a detailed plan must be developed to target each member and level of the organization.

Example

To be effective, law enforcement officers must arrest the leaders and supervisors in drug organizations. When street-level dealers or "trap workers" are arrested over and over again, the supervisors and leaders of the organization simply replace them with other expendable individuals.

C. Improve quality of life for citizens in the target area:

- When an entire mid-level drug organization is shut down, there should be a drop in the crime rate, vehicular and pedestrian traffic should drop tremendously, and residents should feel safer to walk the streets.

Seminar Agenda

Drug / Narcotics Investigations

"Beyond the Street Level Dealer"

September 9, 10 & 11, 2009 • Longmont, Colorado

Wednesday, September 9, 2009

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| 8:00 a.m.—8:30 a.m. | Registration |
| 8:30 a.m.— 9:00 a.m. | Introduction |
| 9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m. | Understanding Mid Level Drug Enforcement |
| 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. | Mid-Level Crack Cocaine (one word), PCP, and Heroin Organizations |
| 12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m. | Lunch (On Your Own) |
| 1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. | Building a Multi-defendant Conspiracy Case |
| 3:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. | Conducting the Preliminary Investigation (Intelligence Gathering, Goals of Operation, Preliminary Investigation Report, Case Presentation) |

Thursday, September 10, 2009

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| 8:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m. | Firearm & Narcotics Investigations |
| 10:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m. | Initiating Undercover Operations |
| 12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m. | Lunch (On Your Own) |
| 1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. | Undercover Safety |

Friday, September 11, 2009

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| 8:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m. | Psychological Affects on UC Officers |
| 10:00 a.m.— 12:00 a.m. | Ethics & Integrity in Drug Investigations |
| 12:00 p.m. | Certificate Presentation |

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