

Bill Loucks

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William “Bill” Loucks retired from the Metro Nashville Police Department in Tennessee. He has over two decades of combined experience in law enforcement and training. During his 20+ year career, he spent 13 years as a narcotics and gang detective, where he played a pivotal role in combating organized crime and drug-related offenses. Bill authored over 800 search warrants and participated in over 2,000 warrant executions. He has also served as the affiant on multiple Title III (wiretap) cases and has extensive experience operating undercover in gang and narcotics investigations.

Bill is a full-time North Carolina Department of Justice instructor assigned to the Justice Academy. He currently teaches and develops specialized course curricula for various classes, including human trafficking, narcotics, undercover operations, and confidential informant management, for more than 35,000 police officers in North Carolina. Throughout his instructional career, he has trained more than 17,000 professionals, including international, federal, state, and local law enforcement officers.

Bill is also an instructor for Midwest Counterdrug (MCTC). He instructs human trafficking, undercover, basic narcotics, and confidential informant management for federal counterdrug training centers and various HIDTAs. Additionally, he is an active staff member of the International Narcotics Interdiction Association (INIA).

Breakout Offered Twice on Thursday

This class will cover the newest drugs and drug hazards to law enforcement:

- Current State of Fentanyl
- Benzimidazole Opioids “Nitazines”
- Xylazine (Novel/New Psychoactive Substances)
- Medetomidine (Novel/New Psychoactive Substances)
- Cychlorphine
- Debriefing CI’s
- Trash Pulls
- Establishing Probable Cause without Undercover Buys



Red Flags

Most narcotics and gang detectives never receive any specialized training before moving into their new detective roles. Nationally, more than 90% of post-incident investigations into undercover/proactive operations that went wrong identified a lack of training as the main driver for the situation. In the undercover world, it's not a matter of "IF" a robbery will occur; it's "when" it will occur.

This closing presentation will cover the following:

- CI Management/corroboration
- Inexperienced undercovers
- The "35 Second Response"
- When not to do Undercover Buys
- Drug Exposures in Undercover Operations
- Body Wires/Electronic Listening Devices

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