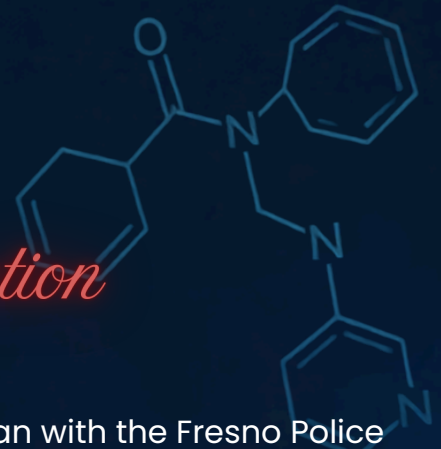


# *Dean Cardinale*

## *Killer High – Fentanyl Investigation*



Detective Dean “Dino” Cardinale is a 29-year law enforcement veteran with the Fresno Police Department, currently assigned as a DEA Task Force Officer. He served 10 years in FPD’s Major Narcotics Unit, leading over 300 drug investigations and one of the founders of the Fentanyl Overdose Resolution Team (FORT)—a multi-agency task force with DEA and HSI. FORT has investigated more than 200 fentanyl cases and secured over 70 federal prosecutions. Dino is a court-certified expert in fentanyl overdose deaths and confidential informant operations, author of FPD’s CI and Fentanyl response policy, and a frequent trainer for agencies across the country. His work has been featured in the Emmy-nominated ABC documentary “Killer High: The Silent Crisis”. A recipient of the POST Excellence in Instruction Award, he is also a featured trainer for the California Narcotic Officers’ Association.

**See Dean Present “Killer High” at the  
Indiana Drug Enforcement Association’s  
41<sup>st</sup> Annual Law Enforcement Training Conference  
This Breakout is Scheduled Twice on Thursday, February 18, 2027**

The fentanyl crisis has become one of the most lethal threats facing law enforcement and communities across the country. KILLER HIGH™ delivers a compelling, fast-paced training that gives officers, investigators, and interdiction teams the tools they need to tackle fentanyl head-on. Taught by nationally recognized expert and DEA Task Force Officer Detective Dean “Dino” Cardinale, this course provides a real-world look at fentanyl’s origin, production, distribution, and investigative challenges. Attendees will gain practical skills to safely handle evidence, manage overdose scenes, disrupt trafficking networks, and engage their communities through informed outreach. This is the essential fentanyl course your agency needs—whether you’re on the front lines or building prosecutions behind the scenes.

#### Course Objectives:

- Understand the origin, forms, and extreme potency of fentanyl and its analogs
- Identify trafficking methods, concealment techniques, and distribution trends
- Learn safe evidence handling and field response to avoid accidental exposure
- Conduct overdose death investigations with prosecutorial precision
- Effectively use confidential informants in fentanyl-related cases
- Address the community impact and implement interdiction strategies
- Analyze real-world case studies and fentanyl takedowns
- Educate school administrators and the public on fentanyl threats

**Who Should Attend:** Patrol Officers | Narcotics Detectives | Supervisors | Drug Task Force Members | School Resource Officers | Prosecutors | Investigators | Command Staff | Public Safety Educators | Federal, State, and Local Law Enforcement Professionals

