



## TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

# GANGS AND GUNS MAKING YOUR FIREARMS CASES MORE PROSECUTABLE

July 27, 2017

0800-1700

The United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Florida and the Center for Public Safety Innovation at St. Petersburg College are pleased to announce that the Project Safe Neighborhoods Violent Gang and Gun Crime Reduction Program will conduct a free one day class on "Gangs and Guns – Making Your Firearms Cases More Prosecutable". The training is being held at St. Petersburg College Allstate Center. There are no fees or costs to attend the training.

Gang members and other violent felons are using firearms to commit crimes at an alarming rate. Unfortunately proving an offender possessed a firearm is getting harder for prosecutors to do in constructive possession cases. Patrol officers and detectives through their actions on the scene and following the recovery can greatly hurt or help see the case to a successful prosecution. Using proper techniques in the recovery of the firearm at the scene as well as conducting proper interviews and follow up is critical to making a prosecutable firearms case. The goal of this course is to familiarize new and seasoned law enforcement patrol officers, investigators, and supervisors with techniques to make "solid" firearms cases. This is accomplished through learning to make "good" traffic stops, using your in car video equipment effectively, properly documenting your case through photos and report writing, conducting taped interviews, properly handling recovered firearms related evidence, reviewing jail calls, and working with prosecutors towards successful prosecution. Additionally, the attendees will learn how to make firearms cases through the use of social media, writing social media firearms search warrants and other means. The class will also discuss how to use firearms traces, NIBIN and other methods to advance your firearms cases. The students will also view multiple actual videos of "what to do and what not to do" to make the successful prosecution of their firearms cases possible.

Blocks of instruction will include:

- Firearms: What can this product tell investigators?
- The criminal firearm event: proper recovery, documentation, and follow up.
- Firearm Laws: State and Federal.
- Tools available to Law Enforcement in firearm investigations.
- Social media – Proactive and Reactive.
- Establishing a Firearms Protocol for your agency.

### When and Where:

The training event will be held on July 27, 2017 at St. Petersburg College Allstate Center, 3200 – 34th Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33711, room 103, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Dress is business casual or uniform.

To register please visit the RCPI website: <http://cop.spcollege.edu/cop/Registration.htm> or link to: <http://web.spcollege.edu/survey/23930>.



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Instructor James Grindey is a thirty six year veteran of law enforcement. He served in the United States Marine Corps as a Military Policeman for 23 years and retired as a Gunnery Sergeant. After his retirement he joined the Honolulu Police Department in Honolulu, Hawaii where he served as a patrolman for 4 years. He then was hired by the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office in West Palm Beach, Florida where he has been employed for the last 15 years. His assignments with PBSO included road patrol, full time SWAT, and the Juvenile Unit. He has been assigned as a Detective with the Gang Unit for the past six years. His experience and continued training in working firearms cases led to his development of this class. He is a graduate of Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, Texas where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Law Enforcement. Detective Grindey is presently assigned as a Task Force Officer (TFO) with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). He has been cross-designated as a Special Deputy United States Marshal and is authorized to conduct investigations and make arrests pertaining to violations of federal firearms laws. He has attended the Advanced Gang Investigator Class for both the Florida Gang Investigator's Association (FGIA) and the Institute of Police Technology and Management (IPTM).

**TO REGISTER:**

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