



## Looking Beyond the Traffic Stop

**Dates:** October 27-28, 2020 (Two days, 12 hours)

**Location:** Mansfield University, Doane Center (Police Department) classroom

**Instructor:** Cpl. Mark Conrad, PSP

**Course Description:** This class is designed to provide the student with a higher level of training on how to detect criminal behavior during the course of a traffic stop or mere encounter, by equipping the student with additional skills to successfully handle such situations in a lawful manner. This course of instruction will provide the student with information which will allow the student to identify the different methods and many behaviors a person may use to be deceptive during the course of a traffic stop or mere encounter. Through a series of lectures on interview techniques, the student will gain confidence in detecting deceptive words, phrases, and nonverbal behavior. The class will equip students with the ability to make a rapid assessment on whether narcotics activity is taking place. This rapid assessment can be enhanced by becoming familiar with current criminal trends and understanding how to use this information to confirm or deny one's suspicion of possible criminal activity. This course will also provide a case law update and how it relates to vehicles, levels of encounters, and searches. This course will also review officer safety issues, traffic stop locations selection, indicators of concealed compartments, general drug identification, reporting, and court preparation.

After completion, the student will be able to:

Identify current case law and how it pertains to extending traffic stops.

- Discuss the Negatives of Bias Based Profiling.
- Discuss indicators of Criminal Activity, both prior to and during the Traffic Stop.
- Discuss proper roadside interview techniques.
- Decide whether to interview or not.
- List observable signs of deceitful and truthful behavior during an interview.
- Recognize physical and behavioral indicators of deceptive behavior during a traffic stop or mere encounter.
- Describe the difference between a natural void and a trap.
- Identify observable indicators of vehicle tampering.
- Discuss proper traffic stop techniques, including a legal consent search.

**Course Completion Requirements:** Attendance and successful completion of a knowledge check.

**Audience:** PSP Enlisted; MP

**MPOETC CLEE Hours:** 12 - **CLEE ID #** CLE01081

**Registration:** Please register for the class using form [SP 8-130](#). All applications must be received 7 days prior to the course start date.