



**36th Annual Wisconsin Narcotics Officers Association
2026 Training Conference
August 12-14, 2026, Green Bay, Wisconsin**

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

3:00 – 6:00PM	Pre-Registration: Hyatt on Main Conference Center Lobby
6:00PM	Board of Directors Meeting
TRACK 1 6:00 – 9:00 PM	More Than a Pretty Chart: Integrating Your Analyst from Inception to Prosecution <i>Kyle Henry, Wisconsin National Guard – Counterdrug Program</i>
9:00PM – 1:00AM	Hospitality Suite Opens

Thursday, August 13, 2026

7:30AM	Registration: Hyatt on Main Conference Center Lobby
8:00AM – 5:00PM	Vendor Area Opens Hyatt on Main Conference Center Lobby
8:15 AM	Opening Ceremonies; WNOA President
TRACK 1 8:30AM – 12:30	Tall Cop says Stop - Officer Jermaine Galloway
12:30- 1:30PM	Lunch and General Business Meeting
TRACK 1 1:30 – 5:00PM	Confessions of a Drug Smuggler - Rich Laferriere
6:00PM / 7:00PM	Social Hour / Banquet & Awards Presentations <i>(Scholarships / Officer of the Year / Drug Unit of the Year / Case of the Year / Lifetime Achievement)</i>
9:30PM – 1:00AM	Hospitality Suite Opens / Door Prizes

Friday, August 14, 2026

8:00AM – Noon	Vendor Area Open
TRACK 1 9:00AM- Noon	When Undercover Operations Go Wrong <i>Retired Lt. Kevin Black Rowan County Sheriff's Office</i>
TRACK 2 9:00AM-Noon	Building a Conspiracy Case – Local and National <i>Detective Matt Leonard and ADA John Bandle</i>
12:00PM	Lunch
TRACK 1 1:00 – 3:00PM	Legal Update
3:00PM	Conference Ends

All Course Offerings and Instructors are subject to change, based upon availability.

Course Descriptions

More Than a Pretty Chart: Integrating Your Analyst from Inception to Prosecution

Kyle Henry is an analyst and civil operator for the Wisconsin Counterdrug Program. His primary duty is acting as the lead analyst for DCI's Overdose Initiative. This statewide initiative serves to bridge the gap between law enforcement and public health resources to bolster our communities from the overdose threat. In the analyst capacity, he is focused on providing case support to narcotics investigations with a primary focus on Len Bias cases. As a civil operator, his role is to support local coalitions and prevention experts with developing evidence-based prevention practices.

Description: If your analyst is only being used to map data after the fact, you're missing half the case. 'More Than a Pretty Chart' breaks down the roadmap for embedding intelligence into the heart of your investigation. From the first 48 hours to the final jury trial, we'll discuss tactical integration, co-location benefits, and the specific technical skillsets that turn raw data into actionable leads and courtroom wins.

Tall Cop says Stop

Officer Jermaine Galloway, a Texan, known nationally as the Tall Cop, has worked in substance abuse prevention and education for over 20 years. After playing Division I basketball and receiving his BA in Sociology from the University of San Francisco, he worked as a law enforcement officer for 18 years. His various assignments included: alcohol compliance and enforcement, CSI, DUI task force, officer mentoring, and field training officer.

Description: In 2007, Jermaine started the company known as "Tall Cop Says Stop TM". The Tall Cop has conducted trainings in every US state and Canada and currently devotes thousands of hours each year to training professionals and communities on drug and alcohol prevention, education, and enforcement. The Tall Cop is unique in that he spends hundreds of hours with "boots on the ground" highlighting drug culture in various communities. To date, Tall Cop has trained more than 800,000 professional and community members. He has trained across the U.S and in other countries such as Canada and the Bermuda Islands. The Tall Cop has conducted more than 8,400 community scans, identifying the drug culture and climate. His program, "High in Plain Sight", is a nationally recognized program, that provides training, education, and enforcement strategies for community substance abuse issues.

Confessions of a Drug Smuggler - A Journey Through the Dark Shadows of Crime and Survival

As a top-level trafficker, Rich Laferriere navigated a treacherous landscape fraught with conflicts involving Mexican cartels, the Mafia, and Hells Angels. From a troubled childhood marked by abuse and neglect in a small town, he rose to dominate the clandestine world of drug trafficking, crossing paths with the Italian Mafia and orchestrating multi-million-dollar operations. Over a span of twenty years, he transported over 10 tons of marijuana, approximately 1200 pounds of cocaine, and hundreds of millions of dollars across a vast network that includes states from California to Maine and cities from Texas to Montreal.

Description: In this training you will learn how Rich's role shifted from notorious trafficker to invaluable informant, collaborating with the DEA. You will learn details about his illicit activities as he unravels the complex web of connections and crimes that led to his ultimate downfall. Rich will expose his secrets to his success and how to catch high level drug traffickers like him and others. This training program will cover the following topics:

- How he was introduced to a life of crime.
- Identifying the traits of a High-Level Criminal: Key characteristics that contribute to becoming a successful criminal
- Specialized transportation skills in drug and money smuggling operations.

- Common techniques used for trafficking drugs and money on both national and international scales.
- How the law of averages was employed to avoid detection.
- Techniques for using trucking companies to facilitate drug smuggling.
- Skills used for deceiving law enforcement and border patrol.
- Why some smugglers are nearly impossible to catch without informants.
- Inside information Rich will provide to YOU, the law enforcement officer

When Undercover Operations Go Wrong

Retired Lieutenant Kevin Black of the Rowan County Sheriff's Office will discuss cases he worked personally where UCs were robbed, assaulted and the final case study is when one of his guys were kidnapped at gunpoint. The course discusses informant control, suspect identification, operational planning and takedowns. He discusses what they did right and what they did wrong.

Building a Conspiracy Case – Local and National

The class will break down two conspiracy cases that were done in different ways to find the similarities and differences in the strategies and the logistics with each case. The case studies include a study about an LSD case that started in Mocksville, NC and ended in Loveland, CO. The second case study is about a methamphetamine case that was developed on a local level leaning heavily on GPS tracker information, phone toll analysis, and surveillance. The goal of the class is to show the details needed to build a successful conspiracy case by using resources that area available such as phone toll analysis, GPS tracker information, pole camera information, financial records, search warrants, post Miranda interviews, jail phone calls, phone tower information, and confidential informants to go above and beyond to show the connections between the suspects. The underlying goal of the class is to highlight mistakes that were made in the two case studies and how to avoid these same mistakes to ensure less work is needed to accomplish the same results. The class will focus on the strength of working with other agencies, having contacts with other agencies, working well with the prosecutor's office (state or Federal), and leaving ego at the door for the common goal of the successful prosecution of the offender.

Detective Larry "Matt" Leonard is employed by the Rowan County Sheriff's Office located in Salisbury, North Carolina. Det. Leonard works full time as a Task Force Officer with Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) as a case agent and as a certified undercover officer. He has been in law enforcement for nineteen years and assigned to narcotics units in various capacities for the last fifteen years. Det. Leonard has been recognized as Narcotics Officer of the Year by the North Carolina Narcotics Officer Association in 2019 for his role in Operation Electric Kool-Aid involving the distribution of LSD across multiple states.

John Bandle is currently an Assistant District Attorney for Prosecutorial District 33 of North Carolina. He was previously an Assistant District Attorney for the State of Alaska, Special Narcotics Division. He has specialized in the prosecution of narcotics cases and has done so almost exclusively for the last twenty-three years. ADA Bandle takes great pride in handling both cases both in the courtroom and in the field as an on-scene legal attaché to narcotics units in his jurisdiction.