

MARCH 26, 2025

Single session: 12pm to 4pm

# OVERDOSE INVESTIGATIONS AND WHY THEY MATTER

Join us for this free class on  
**Overdose Homicide Investigations**

\*Course detail and instructor bios on next pages.

## Kevin Kingsley

WSP Investigative Services Bureau, Narcotics Section  
DEA Seattle Field Division TFO  
WSNIA Instructor

## Matt Croft

Northwest HIDTA Analyst  
Washington National Guard First Sergeant  
WSNIA Instructor

**Yakima Convention Center**  
**Yakima, WA 98901**

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## Course detail

Drug overdoses involve more than just the victim. They extend to a grieving family, the first responders, their community, and a fearful public which is left wondering when the overdoses will stop. And, overdoses are increasing rapidly everywhere. Many of these cases are workable and solvable, even if they are considered "stale" or not under ideal conditions. Moreover, they are important. They bring some measure of peace to the family, they deter would-be drug dealers, and help stem the tide of overdoses we are currently seeing.

**"Overdose Investigations and Why They Matter"** provides a summary of experiences working opioid death investigations. The training highlights **best practices** and unique challenges of these complicated and time-consuming cases. Instructors will provide an overview of the **case process and procedures** when working suspected overdose death investigations, and will review the **Washington State Controlled Substance Homicides RCW 69.50.415**. Instructors will use **case studies** as the format for the discussion and are looking for active engagement from class attendees.

These investigations are very impactful to the family members of deceased victims, and their assistance is crucial to the success of each investigation. To that end, this presentation will also feature a **victim impact panel** consisting of family members connected to cases that the instructors have investigated. Instructors will also illustrate how **data obtained** by investigators have helped **build chargeable cases**.

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## Instructor bios

### **Detective Kevin Kingsley:**

Washington State Patrol (WSP) Detective Kevin Kingsley is assigned to the WSP Investigative Services Bureau's Narcotics Section. He has been with the WSP for 22 years as a patrol trooper, drug recognition expert, and field training officer. Since 2010, he has been attached to the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) Seattle Field Division as a federally-deputized Task Force Officer (TFO). As a DEA TFO, he has served in the Tactical Diversion Squad and in Northwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area's (HIDTA) Task Force Group 23. In this capacity, he has investigated numerous drug trafficking organizations and related crimes across the United States.

In 2021, he provided sealed testimony for the State of Washington in the now adjudicated \$518 million settlement between Washington State, Washington Attorney General's Office, and pharmaceutical opioid distributors to include McKesson, AmerisourceBergen and Cardinal Health.

Since 2020, Det. Kingsley has reviewed and investigated approximately 50 overdose cases and death investigations. A large majority of these investigations have involved clandestinely-manufactured fentanyl.

Det. Kingsley is a member of the Washington Homicide Investigators Association, and is also a veteran of the United States Marine Corps.

### **1SG Matt Croft:**

Washington National Guard First Sergeant (1SG) Matt Croft is assigned to the Northwest HIDTA as an analyst, where he provides comprehensive case support in all manner of drug-related cases, with specific focus on opioid death investigations in the Puget Sound region. Additionally, he supports the disruption and dismantlement of drug trafficking and money laundering organizations across, local, state, tribal, and federal jurisdictions.

1SG Croft holds a bachelor's degree in law and justice as well as a master's degree in business administration from the University of Washington, and is trained in criminal analysis and narcotics investigations. He is an ACAMS certified anti-money laundering analyst, a certified Cellebrite analyst, and holds numerous other industry certifications. 1SG Croft has served as an Army infantry sniper and reconnaissance scout, and is a veteran of the Afghanistan campaign. He currently serves as the First Sergeant of an Army infantry company.



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