

# Indoor / Outdoor Marijuana Cultivation Operations & Clandestine BHO Labs



**Sponsored by the Iowa Narcotics Officers' Association**

**Date:** November 8, 2017

**Time:** 1300 to 1700

**Place:** Plymouth County Sheriff's Office, 451 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Le Mars, IA

**Cost:** Free to all current INOA members and \$25 for all non-members; this will pay your dues for 1 year which also provides accidental death benefit. This \$25 can be paid by cash or check the day of class.

## **Class:**

This training will focus on investigative techniques used to detect and investigate both indoor and outdoor marijuana cultivation operations, as well as training related to Clandestine Butane Hash/Honey Oil (BHO) labs.

Investigating officers will learn about cannabis horticulture, cloning and cultivation equipment, electrical consumption, diversion of electrical power, thermal imaging, the proper collection of evidence and the hazards that accompany a marijuana cultivation operation. Numerous case studies will be examined and templates for search warrants will be available for attending officers.

Butane Hash/Honey Oil (BHO) labs are literally exploding across the United States. The process for the extraction of THC from marijuana to produce THC concentrates (dabs, wax, shatter) using butane creates a very hazardous environment for responding law enforcement as well as anyone or anything nearby. Officers will learn about the different manufacturing methods and the equipment associated with BHO labs. *Officers will get to see an actual BHO lab demonstrated during the training.*

## **Special Agent Mike Mittan of the Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement**

Special Agent Mittan has been employed with the DNE since 1990, conducting covert and overt narcotics investigations. Special Agent Mittan instructs in areas of narcotics investigations, clan lab hazards, indoor/outdoor marijuana growing operations, thermal imaging, firearms and open sight rifles. Special Agent Mittan serves as an expert witness in both state and federal courts. Prior to working with DNE, Special Agent Mittan graduated from Wartburg College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice and is an original founding member of INOA, currently serving as the Region 4 Director.

## **Registration:**

Registration for the class can be done online at [counterdrugtraining.com](http://counterdrugtraining.com) (MCTC). Please contact Region 1 Director Casey Timmer at [ctimmer@co.clay.ia.us](mailto:ctimmer@co.clay.ia.us) or 712-240-3996 with any questions.