Atlanta-Carolinas HIDTA Training Alert
WHEN: Monday- Tuesday, June 22-23, 2020  8:00AM – 5:00PM
WHERE: Wake Tech/Public Safety Training Center
321 Chapanoke Road Raleigh, NC 27603
Enroll online at www.achidta.org.

This class is offered at no cost

‡ SEARCHES & SEIZURES ‡

Course Description:
This class is a combined multi-media presentation and interactive workshop involving the use of real-life case studies, film, and television as examples to aid in the understanding of how to apply the Fourth Amendment to both basic and highly complex fact patterns. Designed to serve as a thorough tutorial for all law enforcement personnel, students will learn the legal standards and practical considerations associated with dozens of forms of searches. Additionally, students will learn how to more effectively write a search warrant from the ground-up, including how to draft their biography in a persuasive fashion, proper descriptions of the premises to be searched, and expansive framing of the property to be seized. Perhaps most importantly, the class explores how to manufacture probable cause in difficult cases where at first glance there does not appear to be enough evidence to justify the issuance of a warrant.

Course Outline:
1. Physical Searches
   Conveyances - Cars, Boats, and Planes
   Border Searches
   Restricted Environments – Airports, Schools, Prisons, etc.
   Searching People – Pat-Downs, Strip, X-Ray, and Cavity Searches

   Homes
   Hotel & Motel Rooms
   K-9 Searches
   Trash
   Businesses
   Government Workplaces
   Administrative Searches
   Probation Searches
   Plain View
   Open Fields
   Search Incident to Arrest
Inventory Searches
Abandoned Property
Domestic and International Mail
Consent Searches
Anticipatory Warrants
Sneak and Peek Warrants
Sealing the Warrant
Exigent Searches – Hot Pursuit, Destruction of Evidence, Evanescent Evidence, Threats to Life
Forensic Evidence - DNA, Fingerprints, Voice & Handwriting Exemplars, GSR

2. Cyber & Virtual Searches
Cell Phones
Computers & DVRs
Email Accounts
Social Networking Sites and the Internet

3. How to “Manufacture” Probable Cause

4. How to Draft Warrants & Affidavits

Who Should Attend:
This class is designed for both local and federal law enforcement officers of all rank and grade interested in mastering the legal issues surrounding searches and seizures.

About the Instructor:
Mr. Nixon holds degrees from the University of California at Berkeley, Quinnipiac University, and the University of Pennsylvania. As a prosecutor, Mr. Nixon has reviewed thousands of arrest affidavits, drafted hundreds of search warrants, documented countless confidential informants, and tried over 100 cases, including murders, drug trafficking offenses, robberies, and myriad other serious felonies. In addition, Mr. Nixon has developed an expertise in electronic surveillance, writing and reviewing scores of applications for pen registers and trap & trace devices, mobile tracking devices, and supervising more than two dozen wiretaps. From 2011 until 2015 Mr. Nixon served as a supervisor in a narcotics trafficking unit, where he was responsible for overseeing the trafficking and money laundering prosecutions being handled by 20 other felony prosecutors. Mr. Nixon’s narcotics related casework resulted in the seizure of tens of thousands of pounds of cannabis, hundreds of kilograms of cocaine, heroin, amphetamine, and ecstasy, as well as millions of dollars in both U.S. and foreign currency. He was previously detached to the South Florida Money Laundering Strike Force, which is joint state-federal initiative sponsored by HIDTA, where he was responsible for all asset forfeiture related matters and engages in criminal prosecutions of various organized crime figures. He currently instructs Law Enforcement officers in various investigative courses.

ENROLLMENT: Open to federal, state and local sworn LEO’S

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There is no enrollment or registration fee for this course.

Direct questions to John “Buck” Smith at bsmith@achidta.org or by phone to 470-261-0410.

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