



Effective Courtroom Testimony for Law Enforcement

DATES:

September 25, 2026

TIME:

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

COST:

\$169

LOCATION:

**WCTC
800 Main Street
Pewaukee WI 53072**

REGISTER ONLINE:

www.wctc.edu/cjtraining
Select Specialized Training

"Training was excellent and exactly what I was hoping for. The instructor was very knowledgeable and took time to answer questions and explain further." "Very informative and great examples."

Attendees December 2024

****Attendees are highly encouraged to bring a laptop.***

Presenting truthful, objective, and clear testimony as an "officer of the court" is essential for achieving just outcomes in all judicial and quasi-judicial proceedings. A thorough and professional investigation can be compromised by an investigator's inadequate testimony. Ineffective communication during testimony can cast doubt on the investigator's competence, create false impressions, foster confusion, and even suggest misfeasance, nonfeasance, or malfeasance.

Learning to testify effectively is a skill that should not be acquired through trial and error. This course provides officers with a foundational understanding that enables them to deliver truthful, valid, and reliable testimony, ensuring pride in their professionalism. Attendees will learn what is expected by the court and the prosecutor, as well as proper preparation, demeanor, and the effect of body language.

Attendees will also review and analyze case studies and observe examples of testimony to identify common mistakes and recognize language traps intended to portray the investigator as unprofessional or untruthful.

Course Objectives:

- Understand your role as an officer of the court.
- Preparation for court.
- Preparation to give testimony.
- How to be an effective witness.
- Supporting the investigation
- Supporting the prosecutor
- Avoiding common errors, mistakes, and language traps.
- Maintaining investigative integrity

Who Should Attend:

Officers, investigators/detectives, law enforcement supervisors and other investigative leaders.

Instructor:

William Roach, U.S. Attorney Eastern District of Wisconsin (RET), former Waukesha County Assistant District Attorney and WCTC Recruit Academy report writing instructor.

