



Patrol Drug Overdose Investigations

DATES:

October 15, 2026

TIME:

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

COST:

\$139

LOCATION:

WCTC
800 Main Street
Pewaukee WI 53072

REGISTER ONLINE:

www.wctc.edu/cjtraining
Select Specialized Training

A laptop is required for this course.

The number of drug overdoses and overdose deaths are increasing for agencies of all sizes with a record number of deaths each year. Low staffing combined with increased overdose occurrences are requiring agencies to utilize patrol officers to conduct the initial phases of the criminal investigations and in some cases, patrol conducting the entire investigation through arrest and prosecution. Drug overdoses and overdose deaths are complex and time consuming and require additional patrol officer and patrol supervisor training and resources.

Standardizing the patrol response to drug overdoses is an important step in the investigative process. This course is intended for patrol officers and patrol supervisors responding to overdose calls and conducting the initial investigation.

There are four distinct phases to the drug overdose death investigations. This course will cover essential topics in the first two phases of the drug overdose death investigation. ***The subsequent phases are covered in the Drug Overdose Death Investigation course, scheduled on October 16, 2026.***

Some of these topics include:

- Four phases to an overdose death investigation
- How to approach and handle the scenes
- Overview of the First Responder
- Drug identification
- Safely collecting powders from scenes
- Documenting and seizing evidence
- Video surveillance, scene interviews, report examples and more

Attendees will receive the “Drug Overdose Patrol Response Guide” that will assist in ensuring that all necessary information is collected and reported to complete the patrol investigative response.

Instructor:

Special Agent (S/A) Dennis Carroll is a RET Senior Special Agent with the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation. S/A Carroll is a 29-year law enforcement veteran and has been instructing law enforcement on investigative and technical topics for over twenty years. S/A Carroll is a court recognized expert in technical investigations, drug investigations and cellular device location and analysis.

