

Statement Analysis for the Informed Interview

For years officers have been collecting witness, victim and suspect statements as a matter of routine and often fail to recognize the importance of what the writer is really conveying or purposely omitting. Through the statement analysis process, officers and investigators will gain insight that will prove invaluable in the interview/interrogation phase of the investigation. By analyzing the deliberate words people use, paying attention to the balance of the statement and the strength of their insinuations and many other critical factors, the statement analysis process will guide our investigators through a deliberate course of questioning. Statement analysis will change the way officers and investigators process criminal investigations and will unquestionably lead to a higher clearance and solve rate.



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Course Topics Include:

- Indicators of Truthfulness
- Indicators of Deceptions
- Discovering Sensitive areas within the statement
- Identifying key words
- Preparing the Interviewer

GENERAL INFORMATION

March 30-31, 2026

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Fees: **Trust Funded**
Registration: (727) 341-4492
Facilitator: Paul Althoff

Agency/Self-Registration
<http://workforce.spcollege.edu>
Registration & Hotel information

SEPSI Authorization form Required

***Cancellations must be received 14 calendar days before start of class to avoid charge.**

Casual clothing is recommended. Shorts, tank tops and/or offensive T-shirts are unacceptable attire. Law enforcement personnel not in uniform that are carrying exposed firearms must prominently display agency ID and/or badge at all times while on college property.

Training Calendar <http://pstc.spcollege.edu/>

Lead Instructor

Chief Michael Harnishfeger is a 39-year veteran of Law Enforcement with 30 years as a Police Chief and now in his 22nd year with the Ada Police Department. In 2008 Chief Harnishfeger graduated from the 235th Session of the FBI National Academy where he studied Statement Analysis and Investigative Interviewing. Chief Harnishfeger is a graduate of PELC (Police Executive Leadership College), CLEE (Certified Law Enforcement Executive) and REMI (Rural Executive Management Institute). Chief Harnishfeger served as President of the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police from October 2010 through September 2011.

Chief Harnishfeger has presented Statement Analysis for the Informed Interview around the nation including the National Missing and Exploited Children's Conference in Atlanta, the National Missing and Unidentified Persons Conference in Las Vegas and the Alaska State Police Officers Conference. Chief Harnishfeger has been contracted by the United States Air Force Security Forces for the Eielson Air Force Base and has consulted on numerous criminal cases utilizing the analysis process statewide and nationally.