



Legal & Liability Risk Management Institute

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Online Training:

Basic Criminal and New Detective Investigations: Changing the Mindset from Patrol to Investigator

Date: October 26, 2026

Time: 10:00AM - 11:30AM Eastern

Registration Fee: \$150

The course establishes a strong foundation in the mission, purpose, and professional responsibilities of a detective while emphasizing the critical mindset shift required for long-term investigative success.

- Training, Maintaining Caseload, Alternate Resolutions
- Mindset change from Patrol, Burnout and Mental Health
- Role of the Lead Detective (Primary Investigator)

Instructor: Jake Sparks, Captain- Investigative Services Ottawa County (MI) Sheriff's Office

Captain Sparks began his career with the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office in 1999, after graduating from Grand Valley State University with a B.A. in Criminal Justice. In 2003, he was selected as Deputy of the Year for his contributions to Community Policing. In 2006, Sparks was assigned to a Michigan State Police undercover narcotics taskforce. His time with the taskforce included street level drug and gang crime, but primarily involved interdiction and conspiracy investigations, working closely with Federal law enforcement to disrupt high level drug traffickers. Sparks was promoted to Detective in 2009 and has extensive experience investigating sexual assaults, robberies, homicides, and other major crimes, while also spending two years assigned to the Cold Case Team, investigating unsolved homicides. In 2017, Sparks was promoted to Detective Sergeant and later, Services Captain, overseeing numerous Community Policing initiatives, and the School Resource program. In February of 2018, Sparks was presented with the Distinguished Law Enforcement Service Award, after negotiating the surrender of an armed individual threatening police. Captain Sparks has also supervised the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office Crisis Negotiation Team since 2019. In 2021, Sparks returned to the Investigative Services Unit, where he currently leads the Detective Bureau.

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- Multiple attendees can group view the training from one device only and each attendee will receive a certificate.
- **ONLY** the registered attendee will receive a link to join the training (Link will be sent 1-2 Days Prior to the Event)

Quiz & Certificate: Within 24 hours after the live broadcast, the registered attendee will receive an email with:

- Quiz link will need to be forwarded to each person in your group so they may print a certificate after completing the quiz.
- 30 Days Access of the Recording (this link may be shared with others in your department)

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