

# Asset Forfeiture

Conducting Parallel Financial & Criminal Investigations.© Sponsored by WRCTC.

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*“This course provides training for the Investigator and Prosecutor that combines traditional Drug Investigative methods and Financial Investigative methods. The result is a criminal drug investigation that disrupts and destroys known criminal organizations by targeting their financial infrastructure in parallel with the drug investigation”.*

**Instructor: Fred Helfers** (Everett Police Detective, retired)

Detective Helfers has instructed Asset **Forfeiture Investigative techniques** for over 10 years and has trained hundreds of law enforcement professionals in the field of Asset Forfeiture and criminal drug enforcement investigations. [helfers@arczip.com](mailto:helfers@arczip.com)

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- Review of applicable seizure statutes.
  - Identifying and building sources of information, review of financial, real estate, public utility and employment documents;
  - Proving “Nominee Ownership”.
  - Building probable cause for Currency Seizures.
  - Analysis of “Drug Records / documents.”
  - Analytical investigative tools; Identification of assets using the source and application, bank deposit and net worth methods;
  - Forfeiture of Real Property / Locating assets hidden in real estate;
  - Building a proceeds / facilitation case leading to seizure and forfeiture of assets;
  - Building a historical conspiracy case through raw intelligence;
  - Investigating and proving a money laundering case;
  - Investigating a criminal conspiracy and proceeds case;
  - Preparing the case for prosecution and working with the prosecutor.
  - Review of Asset Forfeiture ethics.
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Course attendees will receive a workbook with course material and a reference CD that contains document templates, affidavit examples, financial investigations resources, forfeiture case examples, ethics outline etc.

**Registration information:** To register online go to [wrctc.org](http://wrctc.org) or call 877-311-2699. For more information on this class contact Peggy Shaw Everett Police department Training coordinator at [pshaw@ci.everett.wa.us](mailto:pshaw@ci.everett.wa.us) Phone: 425 257 8506

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**Cost: This class is FREE to Law Enforcement. Limited space Register Today!**  
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Course previously approved for CLE credits by the Washington State Bar Association.

# Asset Forfeiture Investigations.

## *Course Description*

Conducted by Fred Helfers (EPD Retired).

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This two day ( 16 hour ) course, provides training that combines Asset Forfeiture Investigative techniques with traditional Drug Investigations, leading to successful asset forfeiture action.

The result is a criminal investigation that disrupts and destroys known criminal organizations by targeting their financial infrastructure in parallel with the drug investigation. The course is designed for local, state investigators and prosecutors.

The training begins with the student reviewing applicable statutes relating to asset forfeiture and criminal profiteering. The student is shown how to develop sources of information through the use of public and private databases. The student is guided through the maze of financial documents that may be encountered during the investigation, including real estate, financial, employment and public utility documents. The student is then presented with several real case examples that guide the student through basic identification and seizure of assets, leading to building complex criminal conspiracy drug investigations in parallel with a financial investigation. Throughout the course the students are presented with exercises in financial identification methods and document analysis. The course ends with preparing the case with the prosecutor and reviewing national ethical standards for asset forfeiture.

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## 2012 Asset Forfeiture Investigations course.

	Day One		Day Two		
8:00am	<b>Introduction of instructor Course Outline and Objectives</b>	0800am	<b>Building the Facilitation Case Vehicle Seizure - Post Arrest</b>		
0830am	<b>Review of applicable Forfeiture Statutes</b>		<b>Seizing Bank Accounts</b>		
0930am	<b>Break</b>	0900am	<b>Break</b>		
0945am	<b>Sources of Information Identifying Probable Cause for Seizure Proceeds Explained</b>	0915am	<b>Document Analysis PRACTICAL EXERCISES Document case review PRACTICAL EXERCISES Seizure Case Scenarios</b>		
1045am	<b>Break</b>	1015am	<b>Break</b>		
1100am	<b>Review of data CD Documents / Templates Financial checklist</b>	1030am	<b>Facilitation and Proceeds Case review</b>		
1200 noon 1:00pm	<b>Lunch</b>	1200 noon	<b>Lunch</b>		
1300-1430		1300			
	<b>Identifying assets Source and Application Method Net Worth Method Bank Deposit Method PRACTICAL EXERCISES</b>		<b>Building the Historical case Case Review PRACTICAL EXERCISE</b>		
1430-1445	<b>Break</b>	1430-1445	<b>Break</b>		
1445-1545	<b>Proving Nominee Ownerships The Subpoena Process Hiding Proceeds in Real Estate Real Property Seizures Filing a Lis Pendens</b>	1445-1700	<b>Building a Conspiracy and Criminal Proceeds case Case review PRACTICAL EXERCISE</b>		
1545-1600	<b>Break</b>		<b>Presenting the case to the Prosecutor</b>		
1600-1700	<b>Building probable Cause for Currency Seizures</b>		<b>Forfeiture Ethics</b>		
1700	<b>End of Class day</b>	1700	<b>End of Class</b>		