



SPOKANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT



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## Video Techniques for Law Enforcement

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- DATE:** April 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011
- TIME:** Vary (class begins at 0800 on Day 1)
- LOCATION:** SCSO Training Center  
10319 E. Appleway  
Spokane Valley, WA 99206
- COST:** FREE

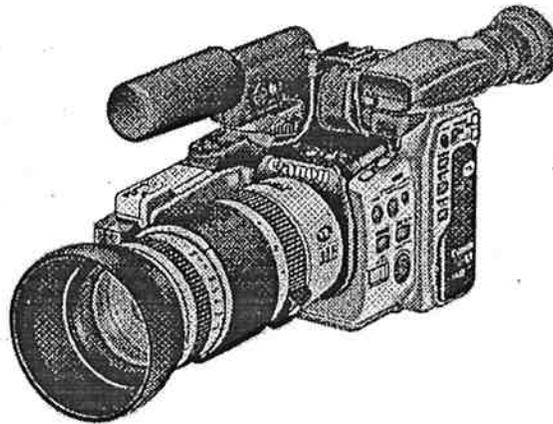
**DESCRIPTION:**

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**REGISTRATION:**

To register, please visit [www.wrctc.org](http://www.wrctc.org). For questions regarding this course, please contact Deputy John Oliphant (509) 477-3211 or [jroliphant@spokanesherriff.org](mailto:jroliphant@spokanesherriff.org).

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To successfully complete this course, participants will have to be able to demonstrate a mastery of basic skills through their videotape and pass a written final exam.

A small class size and a commitment to one-on-one assistance will insure that participants are successful.

**Who Should Attend?**

The course assumes that participants are familiar with all aspects of investigations including surveillance, search warrants and wireless transmitters. Participants should be

advised that this is an intensive course, which will stress practical shooting exercises in all kinds of weather and at night.

### **What Equipment Will They Need?**

Participants are urged to bring the video cameras they will be using on the job. The suggested equipment list includes:

- Any format camcorder
- Camera batteries (a minimum of 2 batteries; more, if available)
- The 110-AC power supply-charger for the camera
- Digital and Analog cables for linking a camcorder to a computer
- At least two blank videotapes for camcorder
- An earphone that is compatible with the video camera
- A tripod (preferably a fluid-head tripod designed for use with video cameras)
- A VHS VCR and its remote control for in-class cleaning and dubbing

*Note: The following items are optional*

- A night scope and associated equipment for use with a video camera
- Video lights
- A "body-wire" transmitter and receiver
- Auxiliary microphones and cables
- Alternate light sources
- Laptop computer for linking to video camcorder

### **What to Wear**

Since much of this training is "hands-on" and will involve extensive outdoor exercises including shooting in both low-light and at night, participants are urged to wear casual clothing in keeping with their department's dress policy. In cold weather, we recommend warm, rough-duty clothing including jeans, boots and at least one pair of thin gloves for shooting outdoors during cold temperatures.

### **About the Instructor**

Since 1991, Wadi Sawabini has taught federal agents, state, county and local police officers how to shoot videotape that stands up in court and wins cases. The ATF, Border Patrol, DEA, FBI and ICE use his courses. Sawabini has taught at the Drug Team Commanders Training Course at the DEA Academy in Quantico, Virginia and Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri. State police agencies in 30 states from California to Massachusetts have used the Sawabini & Associates program. Participants in the Sawabini & Associates training program have included law enforcement officers from four other nations.

A graduate of the University of Vermont, Sawabini is a former Reserve Erie County (NY) Deputy Sheriff and is POST certified as an instructor in several states. He has been a speaker at numerous international law enforcement conventions including the International Association of Identification (IAI) '02 & '03, the National Technical Investigators Association (NATIA) and the National Drug Enforcement Officer's Association (NDEOA). In addition, he has appeared on the Law Enforcement Television Network to discuss various techniques for shooting surveillance video. Sawabini is a member of ASLET, EPIC, IAI and LEVA.