



**Covert Surveillance Training (CST)** is specialized instruction that teaches how to discreetly observe, document, and gather intelligence on individuals, locations, or activities without being detected, while remaining within legal and ethical boundaries. It covers techniques such as static and mobile surveillance, use of concealment and cover, behavioral awareness, counter-surveillance recognition, note-taking and reporting, and the proper use of surveillance equipment. The training emphasizes patience, discipline, situational awareness, and coordination with investigative and specialized units. The goal is collecting accurate, defensible information that supports criminal investigations, officer safety, and successful prosecutions—without tipping your hand or contaminating the case.

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### Upcoming Full Course

**April 15th, 2026 @ 0900 in the training room at North Patrol Division.**

The dress for the day is casual (think undercover). Make sure LE equipment can be fully concealed.

Members who wish to participate must have completed their first year of probationary status and verify your availability for a training day with your Supervisor and Desk Sergeant, prior to signing up.

### Refresher Training

Members who have previously attended the CST. will only need to attend the classroom instruction portion. This classroom portion will need to be completed once every three (3) years. Members who do not have the current CST in Snapshot will need to complete the eight (8) hours of training.

**Equipment** For the **full course**, you must have the **minimum equipment** consisting of:

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| • Department-issued radio and extra battery | • Earpiece (If you have one)                   |
| • Duty firearm and extra magazine           | • Handcuffs                                    |
| • Badge on neck chain (per policy)          | • Issued body armor with clear police markings |

**Optional Additional Equipment** These items would be very useful, but not required:

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| • Binoculars        | • Backpack                               |
| • Hats              | • Ear pods to connect to your cell phone |
| • Change of clothes |  |

Both the full course and refresher will include approximately one hour of classroom instruction. Full course participants will then transition into a practical exercise consisting of a fast-paced, continuously evolving scenario designed to replicate a real-world surveillance operation. Participants should not expect a scheduled meal or snack break and are encouraged to plan accordingly by bringing any necessary food, drinks, or personal items.

### Slick Cars

**If you have access to a slick car for the full day, please let us know at sign up.**

It is not a requirement to have a slick car for this training. We will have cars available; we just need to ensure we have enough for everyone to use.

### WhatsApp

For communication, we will utilize a group texting app, department radios, and cell phones. You will be required to download WhatsApp on your cell phone and have it ready to use on the day of training. That will be the main form of communication for texting, pictures, updates, etc. A group chat link will be sent prior to the course.

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