



How Not to Have Your Case Dismissed in Court



Thursday, June 15, 2017

Somerset County Public Safety Training Academy

In this workshop, you will learn how to write a report that provides prosecutors with critical information to determine the just disposition of the charges. You also will learn how to prepare for trial and actually take part in a moot court session where you will be vigorously cross-examined by defense attorneys.

Criminal prosecutions begin with the incident report. Bad reports or report with inadequate information usually end up with the charges dismissed. The person accused of the offense can go on to commit additional offenses. All because of a poorly written report.

You will learn the importance of critical information that prosecutors look for when reading an incident report. In this workshop, you will learn the essence of report writing, step-by-step or paragraph-by-paragraph.

This workshop is not a spectator sport where attendees just sit in a classroom and take notes. In this workshop, you will respond to a simulated call requiring police assistance. You will be required to obtain the necessary information and write an incident report. And, then . . .

In the courtroom, are you, the investigating officer on trial, or is the defendant you charged with animal cruelty on trial? Courtroom testimony can be terrifying for the unprepared. Many cases are lost because the investigating officer did not know the basics of courtroom testimony. It's not like it is portrayed on television.

In this workshop, you will learn how to be ready for the courtroom and how to truthfully and effectively testify about the incident. Not only will you testify as the investigating officer, your courtroom demeanor and testimony will be critiqued by lawyers. There are no spectators in this workshop!

The course will be held at the **Somerset County Police Academy** located at the Somerset County Emergency Services Training Academy 402 Roycefield Rd. behind the Somerset County South County Garage in Hillsborough, NJ. 08844 It will run on Thursday, June 15, 2017 - 8:00 a.m to 4:00 pm. The cost of the course is \$139.00 per person (\$99.00 for 2 or more from the same agency) and is open to all law enforcement officers including police, sheriff's officers, animal control officers, cruelty investigators, SPCA, prosecutors, domestic violence counselors.

Registration form can be found on line at <http://www.cditraining.org/machform/view.php?id=37879> or, call **732-236-2267** for course registration.

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