

## ANIMAL CRIMES INVESTIGATIONS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS



**Course Description:** This eight-hour course is designed to introduce law enforcement officers to the different aspects of animal crimes and the investigations of these crimes. It is a practical course which will familiarize road officers/deputies and detectives with animal crimes and the investigation of these crimes.

**Course Objectives:** At the end of this program, students should be able to:

- Explain the Florida State Statutes regarding crimes against animals to include Cruelty to Animals, Confinement of Animals, Animals Offered for Sale, Sexual Activities with Animals and Fighting/Baiting Animals.
- Determine the difference between misdemeanor and felony crimes against animals.
- Understand the investigative process regarding crimes against animals
- Discuss what paraphernalia and terminology is associated with Fighting/Baiting Animals
- Identify the aspects and rules of dogfighting and cockfighting
- Demonstrate knowledge of determining crimes against animals as opposed to ethical considerations
- Describe the collection of evidence regarding crimes against animals
- Investigate and complete a through report regarding the animal crime being investigated
- Present a complete case filing package for purposes of prosecution



**Who Should Attend:**

- Patrol officers
- Detectives

**Instructor:** Michael Vadnal is a retired Broward Sheriff's Office detective with 30 years of experience. As a detective, Mike specialized in animal crimes, child abuse, child neglect crimes, elder abuse and domestic violence crimes.

**Fees:** None for certified officers and qualified support staff.

**End of Course Examination:** CJSTC Rule 11b35.001 9(b): A student enrolled in a Commission-approved Advanced or Specified Specialized Training Program Course shall achieve a score of no less than 80% on the written end-of course examination. A student enrolled in a Specialized Instructor Training Course shall achieve a score of no less than 85% on the written end-of-course examination, exclusive of demonstration of any proficiency skills.

**Attendance:** Attendance at the initial class is mandatory. All students must adhere to the attendance requirements of the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission and the Rules, Policies and Procedures of the Institute of Public Safety.

**Dress Policy:** Your department's authorized training uniform. Law enforcement personnel not in uniform that are carrying exposed firearms must prominently display agency ID and/or badge at all times while on college property.

**This course is applicable to either Mandatory Retraining or Salary Incentive; Federal I.D. #59-1216107.**