



Northwest Illinois Criminal Justice Commission

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Cold Case Homicide Presentation:

"Mary Ann Becker Murder- 1974"

DATE: September 18, 2017

Registration Ends: September 5, 2017

TIME: 1:00 PM—4:00 PM 3 Hours

LOCATION: Eagle Ridge Resort, 444 Eagle Ridge Drive, Galena, IL

INSTRUCTOR: Special Agent Brian Masters, Illinois State Police

This training is in cooperation with the Illinois Park Law Enforcement Association's (IPLEA) Conference

COURSE CONTENT: This presentation highlights and provides an intriguing insight into the three plus year full-time investigation into the heinous murder (by strangulation) of Mary Ann Becker inside her Atkinson, IL residence in 1974.

The presentation covers not only the story of the murder, but focuses on some of the investigative techniques used by investigators, the important role played by a full-time ISP analyst assigned to the case, forensic testing procedures, an exhumation and subsequent autopsy, legal considerations, and the crucial importance of developing rapport with the victim's family, among other considerations.

This presentation is a, "beginning to end" case review in order to educate officers on the procedures, options available and skills needed to investigate a homicide.

Partial funding provided by Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board and MTU#1's request for certification of this course has been submitted to the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board

Biography: Special Agent Brian Masters is a 13-year veteran officer with the Illinois State Police. Special Agent Masters is currently assigned to the Illinois State Police Zone 2 Investigations Office in East Moline, IL, with a zone coverage responsibility of four primary counties and eight secondary counties covered in conjunction with other offices for major crimes.

Currently, the cases assigned to Special Agent Masters range from a multitude of homicidal deaths, death investigations, sex crimes, and on occasion high-dollar financial crimes.

Special Agent Masters serves as a member of two Public Integrity Major Case Squads; one in Rock Island County and one in Henry County, where major crimes, to include murders and officer-involved shootings, constitute responses.

REGISTRATION:

All registrations for **non- IPLEA members** are received on the MTU#1 website.

ALL **IPLEA members** need to register through their association www.iplea.org

Find MTU1 Registration instructions [here](#)

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This class has been submitted to ILETSB for approval in meeting mandatory training for:

Mandated Annually

- Law Updates** Use of Force (must include scenario based or similar approved)

Mandated once every 3 years (begin 1/1/16)

- Civil Rights** **Constitutional and proper use of law enforcement authority**
 Cultural competency **Procedural Justice** **Human Rights**

Mandated once every 3 years (begin 1/1/17 all/ within 2 yrs. for investigators)

- Trauma Informed Response & Investigation of Sexual Assault & Abuse

Mandated once every 3 years (begin?)

- Mental Health Awareness

Mandated 32 hours every four years after initial training

- Lead Homicide Investigator training**