

MONTANA DIVISION OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

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DCI Training

TITLE 44. LAW ENFORCEMENT
CHAPTER 2. INVESTIGATION, COMMUNICATION, AND IDENTIFICATION
Part 1. Criminal Investigation

Powers And Duties Of Agents

44-2-115. Powers and duties of agents. An agent appointed by the attorney general pursuant to this part is a peace officer and:

- (1) shall provide investigative assistance to city, county, state, and federal law enforcement agencies at their request in accordance with rules adopted by the department of justice;
- (2) shall have concurrent jurisdiction with local law enforcement agencies to investigate offenses involving dangerous drugs, as provided in Title 45, chapter 9, and violations that constitute organized criminal activity;
- (3) shall investigate gambling activities in this state as provided in **23-5-113**;
- (4) shall investigate any apparent violations of penal statutes disclosed by an audit of a state agency by the legislative auditor;
- (5) shall investigate apparent violations of penal statutes referred by the state workers' compensation insurance fund; and
- (6) shall assist whenever possible any law enforcement school held in the state for law enforcement officers when requested.

History: En. Sec. 3, Ch. 176, L. 1967; amd. Sec. 3, Ch. 219, L. 1971; R.C.M. 1947, 82-416; amd. Sec. 16, Ch. 7, L. 1979; amd. Sec. 3, Ch. 280, L. 1991; amd. Sec. 14, Ch. 630, L. 1993.

COURSE OFFERINGS

- ▶ **STATEWIDE**
 - ▶ **MLEA Professional Program**
 - ▶ **Agency-Hosted**
 - ▶ **Regional**
 - ▶ **National**

NATIONAL TREND TRAINING

- ▶ NATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING CENTER
 - ▶ Digital DNA at the Crime Scene: Leveraging Mobile Signals to Uncover the Truth
 - ▶ 2026 Court Safety and Security Conference
 - ▶ From Call to Court: How Technology is Revolutionizing Crime Solving
 - ▶ Beyond Google - Discovering Online Resources in Investigations
 - ▶ Following the Evidence in Child Abuse and Child Exploitation Cases
 - ▶ Responding to Sextortion Related Offenses Against Children
 - ▶ Casting the Digital Footprint
 - ▶ Mobile Device Investigations
 - ▶ Preparing for Critical Events: Planning, Response & Recovery
 - ▶ Sexual Offenses: Mind and Motivation
 - ▶ Suspicious Death Investigations: Finding the Right, Eliminating the Wrong, and Avoiding the Undetermined
 - ▶ Enhancing Investigations through Genetic Genealogy
 - ▶ Investigating and Prosecuting No Body Homicides

MONTANA TRAINING (CONT'D.)

- ▶ BOZEMAN PD SPONSORED
 - ▶ Law & Order Lead Homicide Investigator Seminar
- ▶ BILLINGS PD/YELLOWSTONE COUNTY SPONSORED
 - ▶ Officer Response to Active Shooter
 - ▶ Advanced Crime Scene Photography
 - ▶ Shooting Incident Reconstruction
- ▶ HELENA PD/L&C COUNTY SPONSORED
 - ▶ Savage Training Group- Officer Involved Shooting Investigations
 - ▶ Wicklander-Zulawski Interview and Interrogation
 - ▶ Wicklander-Zulawski Advanced Interview Workshop
- ▶ GREAT FALLS PD/CASACADE COUNTY SPONSORED
 - ▶ Basic Bloodstain Pattern Analysis
 - ▶ Advanced Bloodstain Pattern Analysis
- ▶ MISSOULA PD SPONSORED
 - ▶ IHIA Foundational Homicide Investigators course

DCI DETECTIVE BOOT CAMP



- ▶ Scene Preservation/Communications
- ▶ Search Warrant Drafting
- ▶ Scene Documentation
- ▶ Evidence Collection/Chain-of-Custody
 - ▶ Shooting Reconstruction
 - ▶ Bloodstain Pattern Analysis
 - ▶ Edged/Penetrating Weapons
 - ▶ Blunt Force Trauma/bruising/physical trauma
 - ▶ Toxicology
 - ▶ Latent/Impression/Trace Evidence
 - ▶ DNA Technology
 - ▶ Water Recoveries
 - ▶ Forensic Anthropology
 - ▶ Trauma-informed sexual assault practices
- ▶ Interview/Interrogation
- ▶ Digital Evidence
- ▶ Pre-Trial Considerations/Prosecution Teamwork
- ▶ Procedural Law
- ▶ Courtroom Testimony

AGENCY CONSIDERATIONS

- ▶ **SIZE/BUDGET/AVAILABILITY**
- ▶ **PROMOTIONAL ROTATIONS**
- ▶ **CERTIFICATION/RE-CERTIFICATION CYCLE**
- ▶ **CRIME SCENE RESPONSE- Resource Dependent**

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION

