

## **MERIT** Training Programs

# **Meth Lab Tactical Entry Training For Law Enforcement Personnel**

The Meth Lab Entry Program is an eight hour certificate program designed for existing, tactical entry teams. The training includes eight hours of classroom and eight hours of practical hands-on training. MERIT strongly suggests that officers complete the Methamphetamine Recognition and Investigation Training prior to attending the Entry Training, but it is not a prerequisite. During the Entry Program officers will receive the following training:

### **Classroom Training (Eight hours)**

- **Meth Lab Overview**: During this session officers will be given an overview of the three common methods used in the illegal manufacture of methamphetamine and the hazards associated with methamphetamine labs including human, chemical, improvised threats, and biological factors. Officers will be able to visually recognize items used in the illegal manufacture of methamphetamine and know the hazards associated with methamphetamine labs.
- **Threat Analysis Training**: During this session officers become “Experts” in the understanding of air quality conditions and physiological dangers associated with air quality in meth labs, are trained to present a comprehensive pre-raid meth lab briefing, and are provided templates used during meth lab raids.
- **Tactical Entry Training**: During this session officers receive training on non-conventional scenarios escalating to the use of deadly force, breech or hail protocol development for team leaders and commanders, use of incendiary and Tazer devices, and use of main electrical power termination.
- **Equipment Procurement and Maintenance**: During this session officers are trained in the utilization of equipment to protect entry team members, short comings of equipment used in meth labs, decontamination of equipment and officers, protocols used in gross contamination, and finally officers are instructed on the need for “Hard Call” situations.

### **Practical Training (Eight hours)**

- This is the point of the training where all information provided to the officers is utilized in both decision making, briefing and dynamic entries. Officers will make entry into fully equipped mock meth labs, encounter meth cooks, and have critical skill evaluation. This training incorporates varying scenarios. **Officers must bring their raid gear.**

**Dates of Training:** September 16-17, 2010

**Training Schedule:** Day One: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Classroom Instruction  
Day Two: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Practical Hands-On Training

**Location:** Sipsey Community Center 3737 Sipsey Rd, Sipsey Al 35584

**Cost:** \$150 per Officer. Make check payable to MERIT Training Programs.

**Class Reservation:** Register on line at *the-meritgroup.com* or call 1-888-613-7847. Tuition may be mailed to MERIT Training Programs, 12525 Kerr Road, North East, PA 16428.

**On the Web:** [www.the-meritgroup.com](http://www.the-meritgroup.com)

**\*\*\*All training is completed by experienced instructors and guest speakers, using power point presentations and hands-on items. Evaluations will be completed with a written test and instructor evaluations.**

**For additional information please contact the MERIT Program Instructors at 1-888-61-DRUGS (37847) or e-mail us at: [jkelton@the-meritgroup.com](mailto:jkelton@the-meritgroup.com).**