

PENNSYLVANIA NARCOTIC OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

**35th ANNUAL TRAINING
CONFERENCE and BUSINESS MEETING**



March 25th – March 27th, 2026

**RED LION HOTEL
(Formerly Holiday Inn East)
4751 LINDLE ROAD
HARRISBURG, PA 17111
(717) 939-7841**

www.pnoa.org

The Pennsylvania Narcotic Officers' Association will host a three (3) day seminar at the Red Lion Hotel in cooperation with Lawrence County District Attorney's Office, PA Capitol Police, MAGLOCLEN, Liberty Mid-Atlantic HIDTA, Ohio HIDTA, IWI US, Inc., Luzerne County District Attorney's Office, Lancaster County District Attorney's Office, Montour County District Attorney's Office, and FLOCK.

DATE:

The conference will begin at 12:00 PM on Wednesday, March 25th, 2026, and concludes at 12:00 PM on Friday, March 27th, 2026. Registration will be conducted on Wednesday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

REGISTRATION FEE:

Conference registration is one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00). Please mail the registration to the **PNOA, P.O. Box 249, Mountaintop, PA 18707-0249**, no later than **Friday, March 13, 2026**. **Business casual dress and pre-registration are required for this conference.** No registrations will be accepted at the door without prior approval. **Department ID will be required at the time of registration. Conference activities are limited to conference attendees only.**

If you have any questions, please contact the Conference Co-Chairman, Joe Jacob, at (717) 787-8641 or email at jojacob@pa.gov.

LODGING:

Lodging is available at the Red Lion Hotel. A package plan has been arranged which includes two (2) nights lodging, two (2) buffet breakfasts, a dinner voucher for Wednesday night (in the hotel restaurant) and a dinner on Thursday, March 26th, 2026. The cost of the package is \$250.00 per person, based on double occupancy and \$352.00 based on single occupancy. All hotel reservations MUST be made on a Red Lion Hotel Reservation Form. The form is enclosed or can be found at www.pnoa.org under Conference. Any questions or problems, contact Chad Neitz at 717-939-7841 or chad.neitz@redlion.com. Reservations are to be made by Monday, March 10th, 2026.

EXPENSES:

All expenses are the responsibility of the attendee or their agency.

AWARDS:

All award recommendations are due by Monday, March 2nd, 2026. Please e-mail, if possible, to jojacob@pa.gov.

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AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, March 25, 2026

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Registration
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Opening Remarks
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM	General Session

TRAGEDY, PROTESTS, AND THE AFTERMATH

**Sgt. Larry Gordon
Dallas Police Department
(Retired)**

- Tragedy and the Aftermath is a first-hand account of July 7, 2016, Dallas Police Ambush. This presentation was created by several officers that were involved in the tragic event. This debrief will share their experiences rushing to the scene, searching and securing the college, handling the negotiations, and the aftermath of the event. At the time of this event Larry was assigned to Dallas SWAT as a crisis/hostage negotiator. He would face his most challenging negotiations as he spent hours negotiating with an individual who killed five police officers.

Topics Covered

Identifying and Understanding the Problem

Acknowledging the Perspective of the Protesters

The Dallas Police Ambush

The Aftermath of the Tragedy

HOSPITALITY 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

THURSDAY, March 26th, 2026

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Breakfast
Breakout Sessions

KNOCK AND TALK INVESTIGATIONS

Knock and Talk operations, when conducted properly, can be a very successful tactic to combat illegal criminal activity. The training will provide in-depth information and proper techniques & tactics for officers to conduct knock and talks.

OVERDOSE DEATH INVESTIGATIONS

Drug related overdose cases are increasing at an alarming rate across the United States. This course is designed to equip law enforcement with the tools necessary to successfully conduct and prosecute drug-related overdose cases.

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
1:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Lunch
Breakout Sessions

LAW ENFORCEMENT INTELLIGENCE

Law Enforcement Intelligence is a crucial aspect to combating crime in modern day policing. This course is designed to help bring officers and investigators up to speed with new technological trends and give them practical/applicable tools to successfully conduct online investigations involving open source and social media.

MANAGING NARCOTICS INFORMANTS

This course is designed for new and experienced law enforcement officers, with the need to cultivate, manage, control and utilize informants for their investigative needs. This course will cover best practices, lessons learned in the field and innovative methodologies used to manage informants effectively, safely and legally.

4:30 PM – 5:00 PM
5:00 PM
7:30 PM

Awards
Hospitality
Dinner

FRIDAY, March 27th, 2026

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

Breakfast

8:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Breakout Sessions

CASE LAW UPDATES – SEARCH AND SEIZURE

SDAG Michelle Hardik.

DAG Thomas Hogans

CDAG Angela Sperazza

PA Office of Attorney General

This presentation provides an overview of recent case law updates with a concentration in statutory construction and search and seizure. The objective of this presentation is to have in-depth discussion regarding current legal trends and practical application. The matters addressed will specifically relate to issues encountered by narcotic officers in the course of their duties.

DRUG FIELD TESTING CERTIFICATION

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Officers will be certified in drug field testing. A separate certificate will be issued for this training segment.

12:00 PM

Conference Concludes

Presentation of Certificates

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

35th ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE

NAME: _____

RANK: _____

AGENCY: _____

ADDRESS:

PHONE: _____

FAX: _____

EMAIL: _____

\$150.00 checks are made payable to the PNOA.

Please Return To:

**PNOA
P.O. Box 249
Mountaintop, PA 18707-0249**

Registration Deadline: Friday, March 13, 2026

***Federal ID # for State Vouchers: 90-0056485**

**THE PENNSYLVANIA NARCOTIC
OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION
WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE
OUR CONFERENCE CO-SPONSORS**

**Joshua Lamancusa,
Lawrence County District Attorney**

Ohio HIDTA

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**Samuel Sanguedolce
Luzerne County District Attorney**

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**Angela Mattis
Montour County District Attorney**

**Northeast Counterdrug
Training Center**

PA Capitol Police

IWI US, Inc.

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Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg Hershey
RESERVATION REQUEST FORM

Group Name: **Pennsylvania Narcotic Officers Association**

Date(s) of Event: **March 25 – 27, 2026**

- **\$352.00** *Per person, per (2) night stay, single occupancy
includes meals, tax and gratuity

- **\$250.00** *Per person, per (2) night stay, double occupancy
includes meals, tax and gratuity

Reservations must be made by March 10, 2026. Reservations made after March 10th cannot be guaranteed at the conference rate

Reservations must be made by Reservation Form only, they can't be taken over the phone.

** This package includes either one or two nights deluxe overnight accommodations, breakfast in restaurant the morning(s) after hotel accommodations, buffet dinner in restaurant on 1st night, dinner in conference program on 2nd night, coffee breaks inclusive of all taxes and gratuities.*

GUESTROOM ACCOMMODATIONS

Single Bed

Two Beds

Please note that hotel has limited quantities of room types available. Room reservations will be made on a first come first serve basis. Hotel will accommodate requests as they are able. Hotel offers all non-smoking rooms.

Name (1): _____

Name (2): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

PAYMENT/DEPOSIT INFORMATION

Personal Check Business/Company Check

Master Card Visa Discover American Express Diner's Club

Credit Card #: _____ Exp. Date _____

Credit Card Holder's Signature: _____

I authorize the Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg Hershey to charge the credit card number listed above and I assume full responsibility for the above charge.

Deposit/Checks must be received in full 48 hours prior to arrival.

Guaranteed reservations not cancelled 24 hours prior to arrival date will forfeit entire deposit amount .

CHECK IN TIME: 4 p.m.

CHECK OUT TIME: 11 a.m.

Form/checks to be mailed to: Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg Hershey, 4751 Lindle Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111

Faxed to: 717-985-0386 or Emailed to: chad.neitz@redlion.com

Please feel free to contact Chad Neitz at the Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg Hershey with any questions or concerns with hotel reservations at 717-704-0708 or chad.neitz@redlion.com



Career Highlights

- **Medal of Valor**
- **Meritorious Conduct Award**
- **Marksmanship Award**
- **20 + Internal/External Commendations**
- **13 + Years Dallas Police Department's SWAT Team**
- **Crisis/Hostage Negotiator**
- **Lead negotiator on July 7, 2016 for Dallas Active Shooter**
- **Certified as an instructor by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE)**
- **Active shooter/ALERRT (advanced law enforcement, rapid response training) instructor**
- **Certified Firearms Instructor**



**Larry Gordon, Sergeant
Dallas Police Department (Retired)**

Larry Gordon started his career with the Dallas Police Department in 1995. In June of 1997, Larry was selected to be a part of the Dallas Police Department's Specialized Crime Unit. After several productive years with the Specialized Crime Unit, Larry transferred to the Narcotics Division. Larry was the lead Detective on countless narcotic investigations. His duties included, but not limited to, executing dynamic entry search warrants, conducting undercover drug buys, and training new detectives that joined the unit.

In 2004, Larry transferred to the Dallas Police Department's coveted SWAT Team. Larry's duties on the Swat team consisted of crisis/hostage negotiations, executing high-risk search warrants, providing motorcades for current and former Presidents of the United States, and distinguished dignitaries afforded a motorcade. He also acts as a counter-assault team (CAT) for those dignitaries and current and former presidents. Larry served as one of the lead negotiators for the SWAT team for several years. He has successfully negotiated peaceful resolutions to armed barricaded subjects.

Larry has also negotiated operations where a sniper/Tactical resolution had to be used to bring the volatile situations to an end. On July 7, 2016, Larry faced his most challenging negotiations as he spent hours negotiating with an individual who killed five police officers.

After (13) years in SWAT, Larry transferred to the Criminal Intelligent Unit where he was assigned for 2 years until his promotion to Sergeant. Larry worked as a Sergeant over a Street-level Narcotic Unit. He is also an Active shooter/ALERRT (advanced law enforcement, rapid response training) instructor, firearms instructor, and Munitions Instructor.

Larry retired from the Dallas Police Department in May of 2022. Larry is currently the Chief of Public Safety and Field Operations of Downtown Dallas Inc.