



Searches & Seizures

REGION XV

Online

Course Outline:

Instead of the standard lecture on what you cannot do when acting under the color of law, this class zeros directly in on ways of fulfilling law enforcement objectives in the face of the law's constraints. Consisting of an interactive multi-media presentation designed to engage the students in thought and discussion with the instructor and each other while learning how to apply the Fourth Amendment to both basic and highly complex fact patterns. An absolutely essential class for personnel at all levels of law enforcement taught in a uniquely dynamic way.

More information on The Odyssey Project

Course Objectives:

- Searching cars and conveyances
- Pretextual detentions & strategic deception of the detainee
- Weapons searches vs. searches for contraband or other items of evidence
- Hotels, motels, and forums of convenience
- Knock & Talks and consensual encounters
- The home, curtilage, and open field doctrine
- Damaging or destroying property & the scope of the search
- How to become more effective in securing & executing a consent search
- Re-thinking how to articulate reasonable suspicion and probable cause
- Exigencies, sweeps, and holding the scene
- How to justify prolonged detentions & dealing with uncooperative subjects
- Use or deployment of a K-9

Class Dates and Location:

Salary Incentive: No

Location: Online via Zoom

Instructor: JP Nixon of the Odyssey Project

Course Dates: September 2-3, 2026

Course Time: 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM

Course Costs:

Tuition for Florida trust funded classes are covered fully by the trust fund. Housing and meals are provided ONLY for Region XV officers attending classes held at the Florida Public Safety Institute where the student is traveling over 50 miles to attend.

Course Calendar:

Click [here](#) to view our training courses.

Enrollment Information:

To register, Region III & XV officers should contact their agency training coordinator(s); all others contact:

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