

Mastering Investigative Interviews: Essential Skills for Investigators and First Responders

Course Overview:

The most dangerous interviewing practices are often the ones investigators do not realize are working against them. Outdated methods, unsupported assumptions, poor questioning, and premature judgments about deception can contaminate statements, reduce the amount of information obtained, alienate victims and witnesses, and undermine otherwise strong investigations.

Mastering Interview and Interrogation Techniques for Investigators and First Responders prepares investigators to replace those practices with practical, evidence-based methods designed to produce more complete, reliable, and defensible information. Participants learn how to structure narrative-based interviews that allow victims, witnesses, and suspects to provide fuller accounts before interviewer assumptions begin shaping the statement. The course develops practical skills for recovering additional information, improving follow-up questions, recognizing interviewer-created contamination, evaluating statement reliability without relying on unsupported deception cues, and avoiding practices associated with false or unreliable admissions.

Participants also learn how to recognize common subject response patterns and distinguish ethical influence and persuasion from manipulation and coercion.

The outcome is better information, stronger statement reliability, more effective investigative decisions, and interviews that can withstand supervisory, investigative, and courtroom scrutiny.

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Conduct more effective narrative-based interviews that produce fuller, more reliable accounts.
- Recover more relevant information without contaminating the subject’s statement.
- Evaluate statement reliability without relying on unsupported deception cues or behavioral myths.
- Recognize and prevent interviewer errors that contribute to contamination, unreliable admissions, and false confessions.
- Apply ethical influence and persuasion while adapting to common subject response patterns.

Instructor:

Stan B. Walters - The Lie Guy®

Investigative Interview & Interrogation Expert

For more than four decades, Stan B. Walters has recognized and addressed the problems created by outdated investigative interviewing practices methods that can contaminate information, weaken statement reliability, and undermine investigations.

He has helped military, law enforcement, intelligence, corrections, and special investigations professionals improve interview performance, obtain more complete information, protect statement integrity, and conduct interviews that withstand investigative and courtroom scrutiny. His work has included programs for 32 military units, approximately 40 correctional institutions, and law enforcement organizations across the United States and internationally.

Every course he presents is audited against current peer-reviewed published scientific research before it is delivered. His work is grounded in a simple reality: choices made in the interview room eventually play out in a courtroom™.

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Seminar Agenda

Tuesday, January 19, 2027

8:00 – 8:30 am	Registration
8:30 am – 12:00 pm	• Upgrade Outdated Interview and Interrogation Techniques with Modern, Proven Methods. • Essential Guidelines for Maximizing Results with Victims, Witnesses and Subjects. • Key Reasons Why Interviews Succeed or Fail. • Compare Narrative-Based Interviews with Accusatory Styles for Better Outcomes. • 4 Pillars of a Successful Interview for Effective Information Gathering. • Identify and Avoid Tactics that Lead to Contaminated Statements and False Confessions.
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch (On Your Own)
1:00 – 4:30 pm	• Introduction to Influence, Persuasion, Manipulation & Coercion: Learn The Distinctions and How Each Affects Interview Outcomes. • Understanding Reaction/Response Behaviors: Identify Key Verbal and Nonverbal Cues During Interviews. • Cycle of Behavior Model: This Model Identifies Five Key Stages in The Behavior of Individuals Involved in Unethical, Deviant, Criminal or Violent Acts, Etc. Understanding The Mindset Behind These Actions, Leading to More Focused and Effective Interviews. • Verbal Cues Analysis: Quickly Evaluate Changes in Voice Quality and Speech Content and Their Significance to The Interviewer. • Stress vs. Incriminating Cues: Learn to Differentiate Between Cues That Indicate Stress and Those With Potential Investigative Significance.

Wednesday, January 20, 2027

8:00 am – 12:00 pm	Identifying & Handling Reaction/Response Behaviors: Learn to Recognize The Verbal and Non-Verbal Cues From Victims, Witnesses and Subjects That Can Either Enhance
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Thursday, January 21, 2027

8:00 am – 12:00 pm

12:00 pm

or Hinder Interview Quality, Compliance and Cooperation. Learn The Interviewer’s Best Tactical Response to Each.

- Anger: Spot Key Nonverbal and Verbal Signs of Anger That May Impact The Interview Process.
- Depression: Recognize Indicators of Depression Through Body Language and Speech Patterns That Could Affect Testimony and The Accuracy of Information Provided.

Lunch (On Your Own)

Identifying & Handling “Reaction/Response” Behaviors (Continued)

- Denial: Identify The Verbal Cues of Denial, Helping You Understand When a Subject or Witness is Resisting The Facts of The Case.
- Bargaining: Learning to Recognize When Individuals Attempt to, Negotiate or Shift The Narrative to an Emotional Appeal Via Their Verbal Cues.
- Acceptance: Spot Key Nonverbal and Verbal Indicators That Reveal When a Subject or Witness Has Accepted The Situation and is Now in a Cooperative Mental and Emotional State.

Information Recovery & Credibility Assessment:

- Utilize a Simple Yet Powerful 3-Step System Designed to Elicit Detailed, In-Depth Statements From Subjects, Sources, Informants and Victims.
- Focusing on Key Areas of Deception: This Approach Enhances The Amount of Information Missed by Victims and Witnesses While Revealing Potential Points of Deception By Suspects.
- Creating Cognitive Load For Liars: By Targeting Specific “Topic Areas”, Interviewers Can Increase Cognitive Stress on Deceptive Individuals, Exposing The Most Likely Points of Dishonesty And Leading To More Accurate Statement Assessments.

Certificate Presentation

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Seminar Title: Mastering Investigative Interviews: Essential Skills for Investigators and First Responders

Seminar ID: **#17497**

Dates: January 19, 20 & 21, 2027

Registration Time: January 19, 2027, 8 am

Instructors: Stan Walters

Seminar Location: Technology & Research Park Building III
650 Clinic Drive
Mobile, Alabama 36688

Hotel Reservations: Homewood Suites by Hilton Mobile
Airport-University Area
530 Providence Park Drive East
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Registration Fee: \$350.00
Includes Mastering Investigative Interviews: Essential Skills for Investigators and First Responders Training, **Printed Training Manual** and Certificate of Completion.



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