

# Defense Investigators Training Academy

*Communications for the Investigator – DITA III*

**April 24-28, 2017**

The Defense Investigators Association is proud to again present the first accredited training specifically designed for professional criminal defense investigators. The Defense Investigators Training Academy (DITA) program consists of four modules leading to certification as a Criminal Defense Investigator (CCDI).

The program consists of four **30** hour modules totaling **120** hours of classroom and laboratory instruction. Students who complete all four modules will graduate from “DITA” and be designated a Certified Criminal Defense Investigator (CCDI). Students must earn a grade of ‘C’ or better in each module to complete the program. Modules may be taken in any order. The program is sponsored and accredited by the Defense Investigators Association. The instructor of record is **Ron Weber, JD-Chief Investigator, Tulare County Public Defender’s Office.**

## **DITA III, “Communications for the Investigator” topics include:**

- Ethics
- Cultural Awareness
- Informants and Snitches
- Mental Health
- Social Media Investigations
- Mitigation Investigations
- Immigration Law
- Investigator Safety

The classes will be taught by experts, attorneys and investigators who are well respected in their field. A faculty list is currently being finalized and will be posted on the DIA website, ([www.cdia.org](http://www.cdia.org)).

Students are required to attend every class and may not audit any portion of the program. Students may be required to complete pre-class reading, homework assignments and other work deemed appropriate by faculty. Completion of a final examination with a grade of ‘C’ or better is required to complete each module.

*50th Anniversary*

### **Location Information**

**Crowne Plaza Ventura Beach** will be the host hotel for DITA III, 2017. Located in Ventura, CA, the Crowne Plaza is the only beach front hotel in the city. The hotel is located 2 blocks from downtown Ventura and features a heated outdoor pool, newly renovated rooms, the NOM Tequila Grill and Aqua Beachfront Bar. The negotiated room rate is **\$120.00** per night single or double occupancy; which includes parking. When making your reservation reference booking code “**DITA**” to receive the discounted rate. The discounted rate is valid through **March 24, 2017**. Please contact the hotel directly at **805-648-2100** or through their website to make your reservations.

### **What do I bring to class?**

All program materials will be provided to the student. You are encouraged to bring a laptop computer but it is not required. Wi-Fi will be available in the classroom.

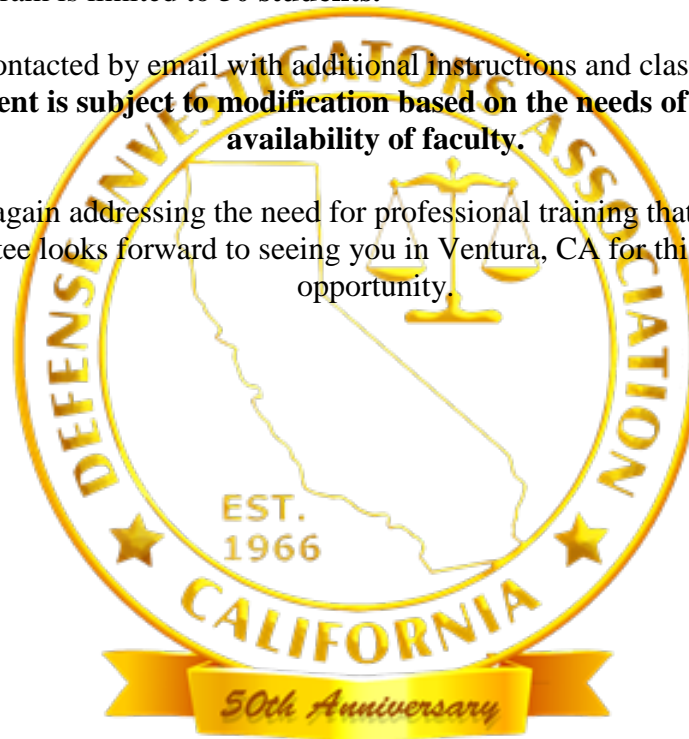
### **Registration Information**

Pre-registration is required. Students wishing to attend must complete the registration form included with this announcement. Your enrollment is not complete until payment in full is received. The academy fee of **\$400.00** for DIA members / **\$440.00** for non-members includes all classroom materials, instruction fees and snack and beverage during the classroom sessions. In addition, the DITA committee will be hosting two dinners for enrolled students along with a daily breakfast as part of the program. The academy fee does not include lodging or travel expenses. The program is limited to **50 students**.

Students will be contacted by email with additional instructions and class schedule information.

**Course content is subject to modification based on the needs of students and the availability of faculty.**

The DIA/DITA is again addressing the need for professional training that is fully accredited. The DITA committee looks forward to seeing you in Ventura, CA for this important training opportunity.



**DEFENSE INVESTIGATORS TRAINING ACADEMY**

**DITA III REGISTRATION FORM**

April 24-28, 2017

Ventura, CA

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Type:**

Credit Card/PayPal – Payments can be made on-line at [www.cdia.org/DITA](http://www.cdia.org/DITA)

Checks – Make payable to DITA and mail to: **Leticia Macias, Supervising Investigator**  
**Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office**  
**300 S. Park Avenue, Suite 900**  
**Pomona, CA 91766**

Academy Fee: **\$400 for DIA members, \$440 for non-members.**

Fee includes: Breakfast for 5 days, one dinner, a president's reception and snacks/beverages

Space is limited to the first **50 paid registrants**. No walk-ins.

Each student must complete a separate registration form.

Registration is not complete until full payment is received.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:**

Cancellations must be made by email to **Leticia Macias** at [lmacias@pubdef.lacounty.gov](mailto:lmacias@pubdef.lacounty.gov)

Cancellations after **5:00 pm, Friday, April 7, 2017** are subject to a **30% cancellation fee**.

No refunds after **5:00 pm Friday, April 14, 2017**.

DITA III provides 30 hours of classroom instruction which will include a final examination.