

# DEFENSE INVESTIGATOR TRAINING ACADEMY

*The Core Pillars of Defense Investigations – DITA I*

**April 8-12, 2024**

**Ventura, CA**

The California Defense Investigators Association (DIA) is proud to present the next module of the Defense Investigator Training Academy (DITA). The first accredited training program specifically designed for professional criminal defense investigators.

The Defense Investigator Training Academy (DITA) program consists of four modules targeting specific areas of criminal defense investigations. Each module is comprised of forty hours of classroom and laboratory instruction followed by a final written examination.

Students must complete all four modules of training and pass rigorous written examinations in each module in order to complete the full course. Upon completion of all four modules, the student will receive accreditation as a Certified Criminal Defense Investigator (CCDI).

This program is sponsored and accredited by the Defense Investigators Association ([www.cdia.org](http://www.cdia.org)).

## **DITA I**

### **“CORE PILLARS OF DEFENSE INVESTIGATIONS”**

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|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| -Evolution of Criminal Defense | -Interviewing          |
| -The Role of the Investigator  | -Interviewing Exercise |
| -Discovery                     | -Report Writing        |
| -Note Taking                   | -Testifying            |
| -Court Procedure               | -Mock Trial Testifying |

***Course content is subject to modification based on student needs and faculty availability.***

Classes will be taught by subject matter experts, criminal defense attorneys and investigators. A course schedule including faculty is being finalized and will be posted on the DIA website: [www.cdia.org/dita](http://www.cdia.org/dita)

Students are required to physically attend every class and may not miss any portion of the program nor audit the course. Students may be required to complete pre-class reading material, homework assignments, and other work deemed appropriate by faculty. Successful completion of the final examination is required. A grade of “C” or better is required to pass each module.

### **Registration Information (Online Registration)**

Pre-registration is required. Students wishing to attend must complete the registration form included with this announcement. Enrollment is not complete until full payment is received. Class is limited to 80 students. No walk-ins. Students will be contacted by email with additional instructions and class schedule information. Participant images and likeness may be used in promotional materials unless otherwise requested.

**NEW:** Prior DITA students who have completed this module may attend select days with prior approval for a prorated fee.

### **What To Bring To Class**

Some program materials will be provided electronically. Some program material may only be available for viewing during class. The distribution of any material is at the discretion of the instructor. All students are required to bring a laptop, note taking materials, and printer or be prepared to provide printed material when requested. ***Attendance and participation in all exercises is mandatory. Tardiness or absenteeism may jeopardize your final grade and course completion.***

### **Academy Fee**

\$500 for active DIA members and Associate Members.  
\$550 for non-members. (Includes \$50 DIA membership for 2024).

Fee includes instruction, classroom material, morning and afternoon coffee with light snacks, plus one lunch buffet and one dinner reception. Fee does not include lodging, travel expenses or other expenses associated with this training.

### **Credit Card-single registrants:**

Go to: <https://cdia.org/d-i-t-a-registration-page> and select the Online registration link.

**Group registrations:** E-mail registration information to: [pbenitez@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:pbenitez@sdcounty.ca.gov)  
Upon receipt, you will be sent a payment link which will allow you to pay in one lump sum.

### **Cancelations:**

Cancelation requests must be sent by email to Leticia Macias at: [Lmacias@pubdef.lacounty.gov](mailto:Lmacias@pubdef.lacounty.gov)  
Requests must be received no later than 12:00 pm, March 25, 2024. All cancellations are subject to a 30% cancelation fee. No cancellation refunds after March 25, 2024, 12:01pm.

For registrations issues, contact Pascual Benitez at: [pbenitez@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:pbenitez@sdcounty.ca.gov)

### **Venue**

**Ventura Beach Marriott**  
**2055 Harbor Boulevard, Ventura Beach, CA 93001**  
**619-298-4707**

**[BOOK YOUR HOTEL ROOM](#)**

Group Name: DITA  
Special Group Rate: \$183 Single/Double.  
\$8 self-parking per day.  
Valid through March 8, 2024

The DITA committee looks forward to seeing you in Ventura Beach, for another valuable training opportunity.

**DITA Chairs**  
**Leticia Macias, CCDI**  
**Pascual Benitez, CCDI**

