



Defense Investigator Training Academy

CASE DEVELOPMENT AND PROCEDURES – DITA II

October 19-23, 2026

Humphreys Half Moon Inn

2303 Shelter Island Dr. San Diego, CA 92106

CLASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

8:00 – 8:15

REGISTRATION

8:15 – 9:00

WELCOME

KEYNOTE - PAUL RODRIGUEZ, PUBLIC DEFENDER

SAN DIEGO COUNTY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER

9:00 – 12:00

JUVENILE DEPENDENCY/DELINQUENCY LAW

ELIZABETH ESCOBAR, SUPERVISING INVESTIGATOR

SAN DIEGO COUNTY OFFICE OF THE PRIMARY PUBLIC DEFENDER

12:00 – 1:30

LUNCH – ON YOUR OWN

1:30 – 3:00

PROSECUTORIAL MISCONDUCT

JIM McMAHON, SUPERVISING DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDER

SAN DIEGO COUNTY OFFICE OF THE ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER

3:00 – 3:30

TEAM ASSIGNMENTS

3:30 – 5:00

MIRANDA, CONFESSIONS, AND ADMISSIONS

LISA ZIMMERMAN, DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDER

LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER

5:30 – 9:00

WELCOME RECEPTION – PROVIDED BY DITA



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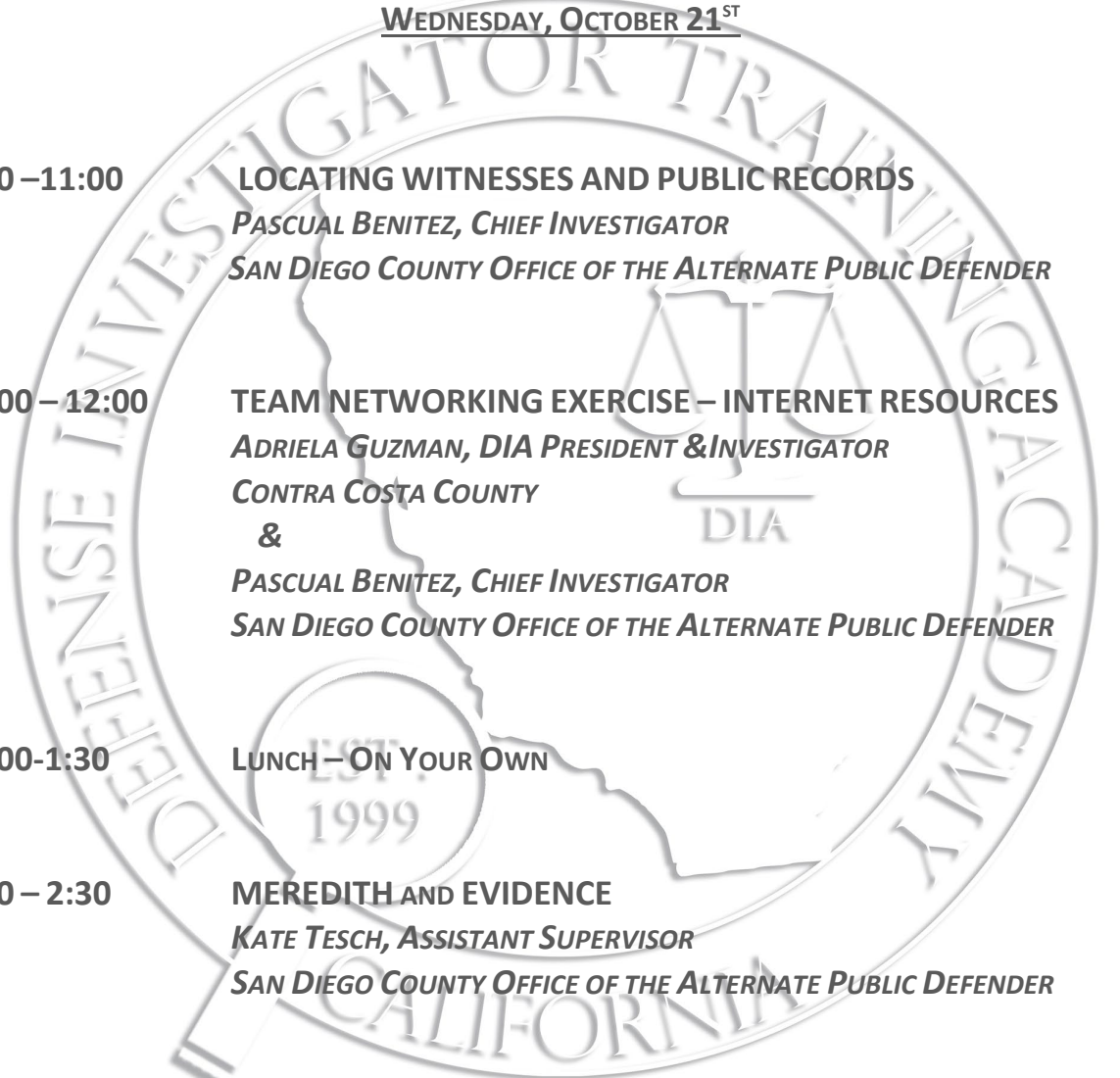
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

- 8:30 – 10:00** **POLICE MISCONDUCT/PITCHESS/DUE DILIGENCE/BRADY
AND THE INVESTIGATOR'S ROLE**
MARK HARVIS, RETIRED ATTORNEY
- 10:00 – 12:00** **SUBPOENAS, SDTS AND OUT-OF-STATE SERVICE**
ESMERALDA HERRERA, SUPERVISING INVESTIGATOR
SAN DIEGO COUNTY OFFICE OF THE ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER
- 12:00 – 1:30** **LUNCH - ON YOUR OWN**
- 1:30 – 3:00** **USING JURY INSTRUCTIONS IN YOUR INVESTIGATIONS**
JIM McMAHON, SUPERVISING DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDER
SAN DIEGO COUNTY OFFICE OF THE ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER
CHANGE 1 – 1.5 HRS
- 3:15 – 5:00** **RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE**
MICHAEL PENTZ, DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDER ADRIELA WILL REACH OUT
LISA ZIMMERMAN, DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDER
LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER



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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST

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- 8:00 – 11:00** **LOCATING WITNESSES AND PUBLIC RECORDS**
PASCUAL BENITEZ, CHIEF INVESTIGATOR
SAN DIEGO COUNTY OFFICE OF THE ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER
- 11:00 – 12:00** **TEAM NETWORKING EXERCISE – INTERNET RESOURCES**
ADRIELA GUZMAN, DIA PRESIDENT & INVESTIGATOR
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
&
PASCUAL BENITEZ, CHIEF INVESTIGATOR
SAN DIEGO COUNTY OFFICE OF THE ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER
- 12:00-1:30** **LUNCH – ON YOUR OWN**
- 1:30 – 2:30** **MEREDITH AND EVIDENCE**
KATE TESCH, ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR
SAN DIEGO COUNTY OFFICE OF THE ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER
- 3:00 – 5:00** **DMV – UNDERSTANDING RECORDS**
TBA



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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22ND

8:00 – 12:00

SEARCH AND SEIZURE

MATT MOHUN, DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDER

SAN DIEGO COUNTY OFFICE OF THE ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER

&

LAURIE HAUF DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO DISTRICT ATTORNEY OFFICE

12:00–1:30

LUNCH – PROVIDED BY DITA

1:30 – 5:00

CLASS PRACTICAL EXERCISE

MATT MOHUN, DITA INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

JIM McMAHON, DITA INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD



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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23RD

8:00-12:00

*** FINAL EXAM ***

The Defense Investigators Association and the DITA Committee appreciate your commitment to this important training and look forward to seeing you at future DIA/DITA events.

Adriela Guzman, DIA President, DITA Chair

Pascual Benitez, DITA Chair

Jim McMahon, DITA Instructor of Record

Matt Mohun, DITA Instructor of Record

Terry Moriss, DIA Northern Board & AV

Kristy Leon, DIA Secretary Treasurer & Merchandise

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