

Michigan State Police - Methamphetamine Investigation Unit
Methamphetamine Responder Application

Basic Clan Lab Safety Course – 40 Hours

The Clandestine Laboratory Basic Safety Class is a comprehensive, 40-hour program for law enforcement and forensic science personnel who are assigned to investigate, seize, and process clandestine laboratory sites. Students usually include: narcotic officers, supervisors and commanders, drug task force members, raid/bomb teams, forensic chemists and district attorneys. Course topics include: clandestine laboratory methods and current production trends, clan lab toxicology and chemical/physical hazards, air monitoring, hazard assessment and control, use of personal protective equipment, site control, decontamination, site emergencies, chemical handling and other related topics.

Site Safety Officer Course – 8 Hours
Supplement to Basic Clan Lab Safety Class

This 8-hour course provides additional training required by OSHA to serve as a Clan Lab Site Safety Officer. This optional class is available only to students who are taking the Basic course that week. Students are taught the skills to oversee lab scenes in accordance with OSHA requirements.

To be considered for Methamphetamine Responder training, applications must be fully completed and endorsed by the applicant's supervisor or agency head. The supervisor or agency head must agree that this individual will be utilized for Methamphetamine response. To select students for Methamphetamine response training, the following criteria will be used to evaluate and rank all applicants:

Application Criteria

- Must be a full-time law enforcement officer with Certification from the Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (formerly Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Training Council).
- Applicants must be in good physical condition, able to perform duties pertaining to clandestine lab cleanup. These duties include wearing breathing respirators, self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), and other personal protective equipment while lifting and carrying light to moderate weight objects.
- Application must be completely and accurately filled out.
- Application must be endorsed by immediate supervisor authorizing the applicant at the successful completion of the training to respond to clandestine lab sites in their jurisdiction as well as adjoining counties
- Once accepted, agrees to obtain a physical, provided by their employer, before the training and on a yearly basis while the employee is engaged in this program.
- Applicants are required to wear breathing respirators and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) during the training and thus students with facial hair must be clean-shaven.

Selection Criteria

During the selection process, the following priority is used:

1. Law enforcement officers assigned to a multi jurisdictional team with partial HIDTA funding;
2. Law enforcement officers located within a HIDTA county;
3. Law enforcement officers located outside of HIDTA counties and without HIDTA funding.
4. Applying agency maintains a positive working relationship with surrounding departments to better utilize existing trained Methamphetamine responders available to respond to Methamphetamine labs.

Based on these criteria, the Methamphetamine Investigation Unit will rank each applicant and select students. Students will then be notified by mail whether they have been accepted or not.

Application Guidelines

- **Do not call the Methamphetamine Investigation Unit to inquire about the status of your application.**
- You are not automatically accepted into a school by submitting an application.
- Applications are valid only for the particular school applied for.
- If the application is not fully completed or signed by both the applicant and supervisor with original signatures, it will be returned.
- Practical testing is a mandatory part of the program. Accordingly, students must perform moderately strenuous physical activities (Methamphetamine scene response) in order to participate in the practical testing portion.
- Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.
- Submit a separate application for each school.

Questions regarding these training programs should be referred to the Methamphetamine Investigation Unit, D/LT Tony Saucedo - (517) 336-2657 or D/Sgt Frank Washington – (517) 336-6481.

