PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

TOP GUN CLASS #45 – INVESTIGATING AND PROSECUTING GANG & DRUG CASES

June 20-27, 2014
The Bergen County Police, Fire & EMS Academies
281 Campgaw Road
Mahwah, New Jersey 07430

Program Summary

Top Gun is an intensive 6-day program designed to train police officers and prosecutors on substantive legal and practical skills using an effective combination of classroom lectures and practical exercises. Top Gun trains law enforcement officers and prosecutors together, so that each can understand the needs, problems, and concerns of the other. Each class consists of approximately 90 State, county, municipal and federal law enforcement officers and 16 State and county prosecutors, who receive classroom instruction together and are divided into 8 Squads for practical exercises. The practical exercises are designed to challenge the students to apply their experience and the classroom knowledge in a real world setting. Each class requires nearly 70 faculty members drawn from many State, county, municipal and federal agencies.

Who Should Attend?

State, county and federal law enforcement officers and State and county prosecutors.

Who Is the Faculty?

See attached.
**CLE Credit**

**NJ CLE Credit:** This program has been approved by the Board on Continuing Legal Education of the Supreme Court of New Jersey for up to 4.4 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 0.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism, and up to 4.4 qualify as hours of credit toward certification in criminal trial law.

**NY CLE Credit:** 4.0 substantive credits (pursuant to the approved jurisdiction policy).

**PA CLE Credit:** 3.5 substantive credits ($1.50 per credit mandatory registration fee required).

**How Do I Register?**

**State Employees**

Most State employees are able to register for this course by going to [http://reg.dej.lps.state.nj.us/login.aspx?portalid=2](http://reg.dej.lps.state.nj.us/login.aspx?portalid=2) and creating an AGAI Course Registration account. To do so, your computer must be attached to the government's Garden State Network. Upon opening the AGAI Course Registration System home page, you will see the Create Account link in the Login Box. Click on it and create your account, which will include you selecting a user name and password. Once you create your account, you can access the AGAI Course Registration System at [http://reg.dej.lps.state.nj.us/login.aspx?portalid=2](http://reg.dej.lps.state.nj.us/login.aspx?portalid=2) to register for future courses or to manage your account. Please retain your user name and password for your records.

**Non-State Employees or State Employees not Connected to the Garden State Network**

If you are not a State employee, or are otherwise unable to access the AGAI Course Registration System through the Garden State Network, kindly email the Advocacy Institute at: AdvocacyInstitute@lps.state.nj.us for an authorization code to allow you access to the AGAI Course Registration System through the My New Jersey portal. Setting up your account through the portal is a two-step process, the details of which are set forth in the next two paragraphs.

Once you receive the portal authorization code you will be prompted to go to [http://www.state.nj.us/](http://www.state.nj.us/) and create a portal account. This is Step 1 of the process, which you need only do once.

Upon setting up your portal account, you need to set up your AGAI Course Registration System account. This is Step 2. To do so, log on to the My New Jersey Portal [http://www.state.nj.us/](http://www.state.nj.us/). Upon opening the AGAI Course Registration System home page, you will see the Create Account link in the Login Box. Click on it and create your account, which will include you selecting a new user name and password. Once you create your account, you can access the AGAI Course Registration System at [http://reg.dej.lps.state.nj.us/login.aspx?portalid=2](http://reg.dej.lps.state.nj.us/login.aspx?portalid=2) to register for future courses or to manage your account. Please retain your user name and password for your records.
THE LEGAL ISSUES CONCERNING INFORMANTS

Friday, June 20, 2014, 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

This presentation will discuss the use of confidential informants and cooperating witnesses in gang and narcotics investigations, and the legal implications arising therefrom. Particular emphasis will be placed on preserving the integrity of the investigation, safeguarding the informant, and the discovery implications related to the use of informants. This is a 60-minute module.

Assistant Prosecutor Gennaro Rubino has been an Assistant Prosecutor for the Hudson County Prosecutor’s Office since 1996. He is presently the Acting Chief of Staff for the Office. He served in the Appellate Section, Juvenile Section, Adult Trial Team, and Task Force as a trial prosecutor. Currently, Assistant Prosecutor Rubino is an investigative legal advisor overseeing the Prosecutor’s Office Narcotics, Municipal and Gang Task Forces, as well as the coordinator and advisor for the Arson Unit. He also consults the Homicide Unit on select cases. Assistant Prosecutor Rubino is responsible for assisting the Hudson County Prosecutor and the Chief of Investigations in developing police policy and procedures throughout the County. He is also responsible for preparing media press releases and coordinating press conferences for the Prosecutor.

NJ CLE Credit: This program has been approved by the Board on Continuing Legal Education of the Supreme Court of New Jersey for 1.2 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 0.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism and 1.2 qualify as hours of credit toward certification in criminal trial law.

NY CLE Credit: 1.0 substantive credits (pursuant to the approved jurisdiction policy)

PA CLE Credit: 1.0 substantive credit ($1.50 mandatory registration fee required)

COMMUNICATIONS DATA WARRANTS AND TECHNICAL ISSUES

Monday, June 23, 2014, 2:10 p.m. to 3:25 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

This presentation will describe Communications Data Warrants (CDWs) and when they are to be used. Specifically, this presentation deals with when CDWs can be acquired and practical issues related to applying and obtaining a CDW. This includes practical considerations made by law enforcement officers, including prosecutors. Additionally, this presentation addresses current legal issues as CDWs change as quickly as the technology does. This is a 75-minute module.

Christopher S. Romanysyn is an Assistant Attorney General and Deputy Director with the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice. AAG Romanysyn joined the Division in January 1999 and has served as a Deputy Attorney General in the Labor Prosecutions Bureau (1 year) and the Gangs & Organized Crime Bureau (13 years), where he also served as Deputy Chief and Chief
of that unit. SDAG Romanyshyn currently supervises the Gangs & Organized Crime Bureau which investigates and prosecutes traditional and non-traditional organized criminal groups engaged in a variety of inter-related criminal activities, including racketeering, narcotics trafficking and weapons offenses and the Specialized Crimes Bureau, which includes the Atlantic City Task Force, MVC and Labor Prosecutions Units, and Cargo Theft. AAG Romanyshyn also serves as the Attorney General’s Electronic Surveillance counsel and has extensive experience in electronic surveillance matters.

Prior to joining the Division, Mr. Romanyshyn practiced civil litigation with the law firm of Keenan, Powers & Andrews, P.C. in New York City and Morristown, New Jersey, from 1995 through 1998, specializing in insurance defense litigation.

Mr. Romanyshyn holds a B.A. degree in History with a second major in Political Science from Fairfield University, Fairfield, Connecticut, and a Juris Doctor from Seton Hall University School of Law. He is admitted to the bar in New Jersey, New York and the District of Columbia.

**Detective Jan-Michael Monrad** has been with the Morris County Prosecutor’s Office, Special Operations Division, Narcotics Unit and Technical Assistance Response Unit (TARU) since April 2002. In this capacity, he is responsible for undercover and surface investigations involving Gang, Gun and Drug violations and working in partnership with the Morris County Prosecutor’s Office Intelligence Crime Task Force. He was previously employed by the Boonton Twp. Police Department from 1995 to 2202 where he was assigned to both Patrol and Detective Bureau. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of South Carolina and has been a law enforcement officer for over 17 years, during which time he has conducted numerous investigations pertaining to homicide, attempted homicide, “murder for hire”, home invasions, bank robbery, arson and much more. And although he is assigned to the Narcotics Unit, when needed, his primary responsibility is to the Technical Assistance Response Unit (TARU) in the field of electronic surveillance and the technical installation of equipment.

**NJ CLE Credit:** This program had been approved by the Board on Continuing Legal Education of the Supreme Court of New Jersey for 1.5 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 0.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism and 1.5 qualify as hours of credit toward certification in criminal trial law.

**NY CLE Credit:** 1.5 substantive credits (pursuant to the approved jurisdiction policy)

**PA CLE Credit:** 1.0 substantive credit ($1.50 mandatory registration fee required)
SEARCH WARRANTS

Tuesday, June 24, 2014, 9:20 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.

This presentation will teach students about drafting search warrants and related affidavits. Emphasis will be placed on the description of the property to be searched, officer qualifications as they relate to specific warrants, and the probable cause aspects of gang and narcotics warrants. Students will also learn about related issues such as “anytime of the day or night”, "no knock" warrants, the use of distraction devices and other issues related to execution of the warrant, and the proper procedures for inventory and return. This is a 60-minute module.

Assistant Prosecutor Danielle Grootenboer has been an Assistant Prosecutor for the Bergen County Prosecutor’s Office since March 15, 1993. During her time in the Prosecutor’s Office, Danielle has worked in the Grand Jury Section, the Trial Section, the Domestic Violence Unit and the Narcotics Task Force. She is currently assigned to the Homicide Squad. In addition to those duties, Assistant Prosecutor Grootenboer is certified by the Police Training Commission to teach police recruits and lectures to municipal police officers on Fourth Amendment issues. She was also a faculty member of the Advanced Domestic Violence Training sponsored by the New Jersey Attorney General’s Office.

NJ CLE Credit: This program had been approved by the Board on Continuing Legal Education of the Supreme Court of New Jersey for 1.2 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 0.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism, and 1.2 qualify as hours of credit toward certification in criminal trial law.

NY CLE Credit: 1.0 substantive credit (pursuant to the approved jurisdiction policy)

PA CLE Credit: 1.0 substantive credit ($1.50 mandatory registration fee required)

SEARCH & SEIZURE UPDATE

June 25, 2014, 8:00 a.m. to 9:40 a.m. and 9:40 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.

This presentation will give students a broad and comprehensive update on the latest judicial developments as they effect search and seizure law in New Jersey. Emphasis will be placed on cases impacting most directly on gang and narcotics investigations. This is a 100-minute module.

AAG Ron Susswein is an Assistant Attorney General in the Division of Criminal Justice. Mr. Susswein graduated with honors from the Georgetown University Law Center. He was appointed as Deputy Attorney General and later promoted to Assistant Attorney General in the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice. He served as the Deputy Director for Policy and more recently as Deputy Director for Major Crimes, where he supervised the Division’s Organized Crime and Racketeering Bureau, Major Narcotics Bureau, Appellate Bureau, Casino Prosecution Section, Office of Bias Crimes and Community Relations and Computer Analysis and Technology Unit (cyber crimes).
NJ CLE Credit: This program had been approved by the Board on Continuing Legal Education of the Supreme Court of New Jersey for 2.0 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 0.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism, and 2.0 qualify as hours of credit toward certification in criminal trial law.

NY CLE Credit: 2.0 substantive credits (pursuant to the approved jurisdiction policy)

PA CLE Credit: 1.5 substantive credits ($3.00 mandatory registration fee required)