

BOOK REVIEW

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Review of: *Practical Drug Enforcement*

REFERENCE: Lyman MD. *Practical drug enforcement*, (2nd ed), CRC Press, Boca Raton, FL, 2002.

This book is an excellent resource to any law enforcement officer conducting or preparing to conduct drug enforcement activities. The book's two strongest features are: it is practical and it is comprehensive.

I would recommend the text for all drug enforcement training programs. The insights provided in the book are invaluable tools for any investigative endeavor. Drug enforcement activities are wrought with troublesome areas and this book addresses the majority of them. The materials presented, if adhered to by drug investigators, would likely lead to more successful investigative conclusions and could ward off costly litigation.

Chapter 1 outlines basic preliminary activities in drug investigations and Chapter 3 provides a clear picture on drug identification. Chapter 2 on undercover operations and Chapter 4 on managing

informants treat both of these potential troublesome areas clearly and completely. The logical sequences of the chapters that followed were clear, concise, and informative.

Searches and Seizures (6), Making Arrests (7) and Interview and Interrogation (8) provide the reader with relevant case law, legal doctrines, the required processes and a description of the necessary skills required to conduct a successful investigation.

This book goes beyond basic instructions one might expect by outlining special enforcement problems (9), drug raids (10) and preparation for court (11).

The book should be mandatory reading for all personnel conducting drug investigations. Furthermore, it can provide a useful resource for experienced investigators. I viewed this book as a benchmark contribution to the field. Including a list of suggested readings after each chapter provides the "student" of drug enforcement with a holistic approach to mastering the skill of conducting a successful drug investigation.

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