



# Emerging Legal Trends Outline

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# GOAL

## **learners**

In-service training for certified law enforcement, including patrol, investigations, specialty units, and administration

## **length of instruction**

8 hours

Legal training for Law Enforcement

## **Course Introduction – 10 minutes**

1. Instructor introduction
2. Explain the course objectives.
  - a. Understanding the Fourth Amendment and how it applies to today's policing.
  - b. What the emerging curtilage issues mean.
  - c. The legal interpretation of "Private Areas"
  - d. The scope of a traffic stop.
  - e. How to conduct a lawful search.
3. Class Expectations
  - a. Encourage attendees to ask questions and share feedback with other attendees.
  - b. Answer scenario questions
  - c. Enjoy the class!
4. Explain certificates will be emailed after the class and each student will be registered in the Blue to Gold University.
5. Review the three disclaimers:
  - a. Laws and agency standard operating procedures may be more restrictive. Blue to Gold teaches the federal standard unless otherwise stated. Students must know their state and local requirements in addition to the federal standard.
  - b. If students have any doubts about their actions, ask a supervisor or legal advisor.
  - c. The course is not legal advice, but legal education. Therefore, nothing we teach should be interpreted as legal advice. Check with your agency's legal advisor for legal advice.

## **Module One: Curtilage, Knock and Talks, and Private Areas**

1. What does Curtilage encompass?
2. Knock and Talks
3. Hot Pursuit
4. What is considered a "Private Area" within curtilage.

## **Module Two: Traffic Stops**

1. The scope of a traffic stop
2. Traffic stops and K9's
3. Extending the stop
4. Dealing with passengers

## **Module Three: Search Occupants & Passengers**

1. Searching passengers
2. Searching occupants

#### **Module Four: Vehicle Inventories**

1. Why we inventory?

#### **Module Five: Free-air K9 Sniffs**

1. Reasonable suspicion and K9's
2. K9's Touching Cars
3. Running K9's

#### **Module Six: Search Incident to Arrest**

1. Containers
2. Search after arrest

#### **Module Seven: Drones, Pole Cameras and the Future**

1. Drones
2. Pole Cameras

End of class