

Training for April

Thursday – Investigator Joe Amerling from Gainesville Police Department will be teaching a class on gangs. (See his bio below) Class will begin at around 1330 hours.

We also are honored to announce that GPAC is being awarded with the ICE IMAGE award. On Thursday at 1300 hours, Special Agent in Charge Kenneth Smith– ICE, Assistant Agent in Charge Robert Andrews –ICE, and Special Agent Allison Densmore – ICD will be present to present the award.

Friday – We will continue with your State Certification Standards Review. Chris Cooke and Cheri Pickard are currently serving on the committee to revise the state certification standards and the PAC's input is very important. We will be starting at Chapter 4.

BIO for Instructor

Investigator Joe Amerling - Joe graduated from the NEGPA in November of 1994 after paying for and attending the academy while on active duty from the U.S. Army. Joe retired from the Army in 1995 and was hired by Gainesville Police Department on 4/10/95, Joe's last assignment was as a First Sergeant at Camp Frank D. Merrill in Dahlonega Georgia also known as the Mountain Ranger Camp. Joe was hired and assigned to the jail then moved to the motor's division during the 1996 Olympics. Joe was assigned to the Community Police Division when in February 1997 a gang related drive-by shooting occurred resulted in a homicide. Joe was then detached to the Hall County Sheriff's office where the Gainesville/Hall County Gang Task Force was formed. In June of 1997 the FBI along with the Gainesville Police and the Hall County Sheriff's Department formed the first Safe Streets Task Force in the state of Georgia. In 2000 Joe was the first NEGA Vice President for the newly formed Georgia Gang Investigator's Association. In 2002 Joe was elected as the Vice President of the Georgia Gang Investigator's association for the State of Georgia a position he still currently holds. Joe has met with Georgia state sub committee's regarding the successful re-writing of the Georgia Criminal Street gang and terrorism act and has been featured on Georgia Public television and most recently the History Channel's Gangland series. Joe is the senior city investigator in the Gang Task Force and is starting his 13th year in the unit.