**Investigating Skills Course**

***The Course Aim*:**

Is to enhance and develop the investigation skills of those officers in the enforcement field of Local Authorities who conduct such investigations. This is together with the effective use of all relevant legislation where appropriate as well as the many procedures which guide all forms of investigation.

***The Course Outcomes:***

All delegates, at the end of the course will be able to explain:

1. The briefing model utilising the acronym IIMARC.
2. The Codes of Practice, powers, legislation, and offences applicable to carrying out their role as investigators.
3. The purpose of completing decision logs and the value this brings to their investigation.
4. The legal procedures relating to surveillance and relate them to their own workplace.
5. How to carry out a lawful search of premises.
6. The procedures and the legal issues related to gathering evidence, in particular the seizure of property and exhibit handling.
7. Their own responsibility when dealing with all witnesses and suspects.
8. The evidence requirements needed in witness statements.
9. When to caution suspects and the prevailing circumstances.
10. The seven principals of investigative interviewing
11. How the PEACE model of interviewing can be used effectively in all interviews.
12. How to carry out a professional and ethical interview under PACE.
13. How to manage potential critical incidents within a tape recorded interview.
14. The disclosure legal requirements.
15. Court procedures at all levels.
16. How to give evidence in court in a professional manner.