NASCLA’S DIAMOND YEAR

INVESTIGATOR TRAINING PROGRAM

AUG 30 – SEPT 1

NASCLA’S NEW INVESTIGATOR TRAINING PROGRAM WILL RUN AS A STAND ALONE TRACK WITH THE GENERAL SESSIONS TRACK AT THE NASCLA 2022 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Module 1: Fundamentals of Investigations (two parts)

Thoroughly investigating any questionable activity is a multi-step process. This module will discuss the steps that are present in virtually all types of investigations ranging from identifying when an investigation is warranted to assigning culpability. Students will examine a case study to identify how the investigative process identifies issues, finds sources of evidence, and prepares effective responses. The students will also be considering the element of proof and different levels of intent underlying serious violation of construction regulations, from unintentional violations to reckless endangerment.

Module 2: Interviewing Techniques (two parts)

Well-planned and executed interviews are a key component of any thorough investigation. Aside from the collection of physical evidence, nothing will prove to be more beneficial in determining and potentially proving a chain of events. This module will cover both the science and the art of a masterfully executed interview. Content will include methods to address the interview of persons with special needs, the elderly, or persons whose primary language is not English. Students will also consider the benefits and challenges of an effective recorded interview.

Module 3: Report Writing

Any thoroughly conducted investigation will not withstand scrutiny if it has not been properly documented; if it’s not in the report, it didn’t happen. This module will cover ways to identify what investigative steps and results need to be documented and identify the best way to do so thoroughly and concisely.

Module 4: Providing Testimony (two parts)

This module will explain administrative hearings, criminal and civil proceedings. It will cover how to prepare for providing fact-based sworn testimony. Differences in hearing types (depositions, criminal vs civil court, and administrative hearings) will be discussed. Students will learn how to navigate direct and cross-examination to provide effective testimony. Students will also learn how attorneys prepare for cross-examinations using open source information.

Module 5: Understanding Digital Evidence

This module will explain how digital evidence in computer, phones, and mobile devices was help prove or disprove violations. The students will learn a function approach to understand the potential of this evidence and the need for identification, preservation, and analysis in relevant cases.

Module 6: Case Studies and Practical Exercises

Students will use the content of prior modules to identify whether potential violations are potentially regulatory, civil, or criminal, then consider how to formulate an effective investigative plan. These problem solving exercises will consider how to determine a fast, effective, and adaptive response to discovered violations or what can happen during an inspection, from the initial steps of an investigation through the conclusion of litigation.

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