

Los Angeles Police Department
LD12 Controlled Substances
EV10 Quality of Life
S10 Drug Categories

Learning Activity #1

Summary:

Officers need to be aware of the major pharmacological classifications of drugs to better understand the effects on the body. This Learning Activity will be assigned in Session 8.

There are 7 major drug categories:

1. Stimulants
2. Hallucinogens
3. Narcotic Analgesics
4. Marijuana
5. Depressants
6. Inhalants
7. Dissociative Anesthetics /Phencyclidine

Directions:

Assign each learning team one category. Have the learning teams research their topic and prepare a presentation that include the following:

- Type of drug and possible history of the drug.
- Possible recognition in the field. (What the drug may look like and packaging)
- Method of ingesting and related drug paraphernalia.
- Objective signs and symptoms. (Effects on the body)
- Photographs.
- Officer safety concerns. Possible dangers when handling the drug.

Allow the class time to prepare a 5 minute presentations on their topic per learning team. Have the learning team present their topic and conduct a facilitated discussion on each drug category.

When the teams are presenting their topic the other teams should be taking notes. Allow the teams to ask questions during debrief.

Presentations will continue on the following instruction block, depending on time and the size of the class.

Resources needed:

Laptop
Projector/Screen

Time required: 20 minutes