

Science Based Interviewing in California



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Subject Matter Experts



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TRADITIONAL INTERVIEW TECHNIQUES

SCIENCE BASED INTERVIEWING

Focus is on obtaining the confession

Focus is on obtaining accurate information

Control resides with the interviewer

Control is turned over to the interviewee, emphasis on establishing rapport

Use many closed-ended, guilt presumptive questions

Uses mostly open-ended, memory-compatible questions

Emphasis on isolation, ignoring denials, hopelessness with the interviewee

Enhances memory, social dynamics, and communication with the interviewee

The confrontational approach has never been validated by research

Over two-hundred research studies validating its effectiveness

*Approximate Number of Students Receiving SBI Instruction –
CA POST Classes*



POST Approved Class	2024	2025	Projected 2026
ICI Core- 20 Hrs.	800	1,100	1,100
ICI SBI- 40 Hrs.	184	250	350
ICI Homicide- 8 Hrs.	360	450	450
Outside Presenter- 24 Hour (Savage, Third Degree)	150	410	450
EDCDA Advanced Course	19	20	40
SBI Symposium	170	150	200



New York



	2022	2023	2024	2025	Projected 2026	TOTALS
New York County District Attorney's Office	75	167	140	335	289	1006
*Buffalo Police Department			48	173	2	223
*City of Rochester Police Department				48	113	161
*City of Utica Police Department					30	30
Rockland County District Attorney's Office				30		30
*funded by NY State Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS)						1,450



Jersey City-Newark Urban Area Security Initiative: SBI Training provided to 48 law enforcement agencies in northern New Jersey

	2024	2025	Projected 2026	TOTAL
Foundations	70	86	78	
Advanced		6	12	
Coaching		6	12	
SBI for Patrol Officers		48		
TTP Shorts (Timelining, Time Critical Questioning)		23		
TOTALS	70	169	102	341



NY County District Attorney's Office (DANY)

	2022	2023	2024	2025	Projected 2026	TOTAL
Foundations	24	51		56	60	
Advanced		20	30	7	30	
Coaching		19	32		12	
Instructor					12	
SBI Lite	51	77	78	74		
TTP Shorts				198		
SBI Basics					175	
TOTALS	75	167	140	335	289	1006



Buffalo Police Department



	2024	2025	Projected 2026	TOTAL
Foundations	48	96		
Advanced		30	1	
Coaching		11	1	
TTP Shorts (Timelining)		36		
TOTALS	48	173	2	223



City of Rochester Police Department



	2025	Projected 2026	TOTAL
Foundations	48	96	
Advanced		12	
Coaching		5	
TOTALS	48	113	161

*Approximate Number of Students Receiving SBI Instruction –
Nationwide*



Location	2025	Projected 2026
IXI Solutions-Wichita, KS	180	200
TTP-East Baton Rouge, Louisiana	48	
TTP- Advanced SBI Training/New training areas	21	150+ Projected for Kentucky, Ohio, and specialized seminars
IHIA SBI Instruction (4 Hr. Introduction)	1,700	1,700+