

# Prescription Drug Crimes Training



**March 20, 2015**

**1:00pm to 4:00pm**

**Coastal Carolina University**

**Johnson Auditorium**

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**\*Attendees Must Be Law Enforcement, ATOD  
Prevention, or Healthcare Providers**

## **Topics**

Pill identification

Most abused pharmaceuticals

Lawful prescribing

Prevention of diversion.



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Adrienne Baker is an Associate Director of Law Enforcement Liaison and Education for Purdue Pharma. Prior to joining Purdue in 2012, Mrs. Baker was Principal Agent for the Georgia State Medical Board. As a state law enforcement officer in Georgia for 15 years she conducted investigations involving pharmaceutical drug diversion and violations of state laws and regulations relating to medical practitioners. Mrs. Baker is a Master Police Instructor certified through the state police academy. In addition she is a state Firearms and Defensive Tactics Instructor.

For her entire career she has traveled throughout the United States educating doctors, law enforcement officers, healthcare professionals and community groups regarding safe and legal medical practices involving prescription drugs. Mrs. Baker testified and assisted in the passing of SB 36, the Georgia Prescription Monitoring Program.

Mrs. Baker was named National Law Enforcement Educator of the Year in 2007 and has served as president of the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators (NADDI) Georgia chapter since 2004. Mrs. Baker has also been on the Board of Directors for the Georgia Tactical Officers Association (GTOA) since 2004. In 2009 she was named one of Georgia's top 40 under 40 by Georgia Trend magazine.

Mrs. Baker holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Samford University and a Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Georgia State University.

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This is a brief summary of what Purdue Pharma L.P. is doing to assist law enforcement in combating prescription drug abuse and diversion.

Purdue has a Law Enforcement Liaison and Education (LELE) Unit. The LELE Team is made up of retired law enforcement officers from across the United States. These officers were chosen because of their experience in dealing with prescription drug-related crime and healthcare fraud issues. We offer a wide array of programs, such as:

**Training:** We provide training from one to eight hours on subjects dealing with prescription drug abuse and diversion. Topics include "Lawful Prescribing and Prevention of Diversion," "Abuse and Diversion of Controlled Substances," "RxPATROL<sup>®</sup>," "Pharmacy Safety and Security," "Institutional Diversion," "Insurance Fraud and Drug Diversion", major case investigations (the investigation of criminal prescribers), pharmacy scams, scams against physicians, and programs for law enforcement on pain, physical dependence, and addiction.

**Placebos:** We provide placebos of Controlled Substances manufactured by Purdue to law enforcement officers working undercover "reverse sting" operations. These tablets are identical to real Controlled Substances manufactured by Purdue, but contain no active ingredients. The use of these tablets is restricted to criminal investigations, and they are not to be used for other purposes.

**Educational Material:** We provide drug identification cards with full-color, actual-size photographs of the most commonly abused prescription drugs, according to the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators. These cards are extremely beneficial to officers who encounter pharmaceuticals on the street and want a quick and easy reference to identify them. We provide brochures for law enforcement officers to distribute to pharmacies and medical offices on strategies designed to avoid drug diversion entitled, "Providing Relief...Preventing Abuse," as well as "How to Protect Your Practice," "How to Protect Your Pharmacy," "How to Protect Your Institution," and "How to Protect Your Medicines at Home." These brochures contain tips for doctors and pharmacists to use when writing or dispensing prescriptions and help them recognize fraudulent prescriptions and drug seekers. There is space on these brochures for each department to place its own contact information.

**Education Programs for Health Care Practitioners:** We make presentations to medical groups to help them become aware of the schemes that drug seekers use in an effort to unlawfully obtain prescriptions. Healthcare professionals are often unaware of "doctor shoppers," how legitimate prescriptions are altered, and other means a drug seeker may use to obtain a prescription, either for personal abuse or for resale on the street. We also provide law enforcement officers, dispensers, and prescribers with information about tamper-resistant prescription pads that are difficult to alter or copy.

**RxPATROL<sup>®</sup> Information Clearinghouse:** RxPATROL<sup>®</sup> (Pattern Analysis Tracking Robberies and Other Losses) is intended to help protect pharmacists against potential robberies and burglaries and assist law enforcement efforts to apprehend and prosecute pharmacy robbers. Using a state-of-the-art software program, RxPATROL<sup>®</sup> collects, collates and analyzes information from pharmacy theft reports across the country. The data and

analyses, which can incorporate streaming video and closed-circuit television photos, are disseminated to law enforcement agencies for action, as they deem appropriate. A vulnerability assessment may also be conducted, using the information gathered on pharmacy theft patterns to create a profile of pharmacies most likely to be victimized and why, as well as what physical security systems (e.g., alarms, closed-circuit television cameras, public monitors, reinforced doors, etc.) are most effective in deterring burglaries and robberies.

The RxPATROL® Pharmacy Theft Report is posted on the RxPATROL® web site ([www.rxpatrol.org](http://www.rxpatrol.org)), with links from the web sites of the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators ([www.naddi.org](http://www.naddi.org)) and the National Community Pharmacists Association ([www.ncpanet.org](http://www.ncpanet.org)).

All of these programs are provided at no cost. We cover our own travel, lodging, etc. Programs can be presented to local or regional academies, at departmental training functions, or where it is most convenient for the law enforcement agencies involved. We do ask the agency to provide a location and make every effort to advertise the programs in order to assure the largest attendance.

Placebos and drug identification cards do require a signed, written request on letterhead from the requesting agency. This is to ensure that only authorized persons receive this material. Since we support law enforcement, we take care to avoid the possibility of someone posing as a law enforcement officer.

Our LELE staff are not sales people and do not promote any company's products. Our only objective is to provide information and support to law enforcement to help keep prescription drugs out of the hands of criminals and ensure that they are available for people with legitimate medical need.

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