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A one-day drug abuse seminar for western Montana law enforcement officers will be conducted on the University of Montana campus Dec. 5, according to James Hall, co-ordinator of continuing education.

Keith Shostrom, chief agent for the bureau of drug abuse control of the Food and Drug Administration in Denver, Colo., met with a committee of UM administrators Friday (Sept. 22) to discuss and make plans for the seminar.

The bureau has sponsored similar conferences in Great Falls and Billings recently. The conferences are aimed at informing local law officers about the work of the newly-formed bureau of drug abuse and at training them in investigation and identification of drug abuse.

Invitations to the seminar will be sent to city, county, state and federal officials throughout western Montana and eastern Idaho. Capt. Dean Lockridge of the Missoula Police Department said he expects between 100 and 150 persons to attend.

Although the bureau investigates only non-narcotic drugs, some information on narcotics will be presented at the forum.