MIDWEST COUNTERDRUG TRAINING CENTER

OPEN SOURCE INVESTIGATIONS FOR ANTI-TRAFFICKING OPERATIONS

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REGISTRATION

Registration is restricted to local, tribal, State, federal, and military law enforcement officers.
THERE IS NO COST TO ATTEND THIS COURSE.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Learn how to gather evidence and intelligence of illegal activity displayed or hidden in social media and other sites. This course covers how to use open source tools to enhance anti-trafficking and investigative operations. These tools should include but are not limited to websites and third party applications (apps).

Hands-on practical exercises that are realistic and represent real world activities are a major part of this course. The class challenges students to apply effective classroom theory to the exercises. Each hands-on exercise shall is followed by an after-action review of the students' products in order to ensure all training objectives have been met.

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

Please bring 1 of the following for practical exercises: Laptop, IPAD or Tablet.

FULL COURSE DESCRIPTION

TOPICS INCLUDED

- Introduction Open-source Intelligence for law enforcement
- National trends of traffickers using social media for illicit purposes
- Legal considerations for open source investigations
- Using the internet and social media sites for intelligence gathering in law enforcement operations
- Key apps and sites to use in investigations
- Identifying threats through the internet and social media
- Tracking criminals and missing persons
- Apps and technology used against law enforcement
- How to establish a safe and legal undercover persona through social media
- How to conduct undercover investigations through the internet and social media
- Smart Phone Utilization during law enforcement investigations
- Doxing -how to combat and use as a tool in investigations