Social Media: From Intelligence to Evidence

A Hands-On Course for Investigators

Law Enforcement Officers who attend this class will learn how to proactively use social media and the Internet to gather intelligence, track suspects, identify gang members, conduct drug investigations and enhance all types of investigations.

The course instructs how to gather evidence displayed or hidden in social media and other sites, as well as investigating and preempting violence. Methods will be provided on how to protect the officer's real identity on social media; establishing a safe and thorough undercover persona through social media; conducting undercover investigations through the Internet and social media; and using these resources as a tool and an enhancement for a variety of law enforcement and investigative operations.

Attendees are encouraged to bring a laptop, notebook computer or tablet to this class – but recent model smart phones should also be sufficient.

This course is designed for Police Officers, Detectives, Sheriff's Deputies, Corrections Officers, Corrections Investigators, Federal Agents, County, State and Federal Attorney's Investigators, SIU Investigators, and other Law Enforcement and Public Safety Personnel.

Course Details and Registration:

- **Course Location:** Johnson City Police Department
  31 Avenue C, Johnson City, NY 13790
- **Course Dates** Monday-Tuesday, June 23-24, 2025
- **Course Times** 8:00am–4:00pm
- **Course Cost:** $350.00
- **Registration:** https://homefrontprotect.com/SocialMedia062325

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Course Topics Include:

- Open-Source Intelligence for Law Enforcement
- Navigating the Internet and Social Media for Law Enforcement
- Using the Internet and Social Media for Intelligence Gathering
- Gathering Criminal Intelligence from Social Media and the Internet
- Going Undercover on Social Media
- Identifying Threats and Violence through the Internet and Social Media
- Tracking Protester Activity and Civil Disturbances through Social Media
- Tracking Missing Persons, Criminals, and Others
- Cell Phone Apps used by Criminals, Gangs and Terrorist
- Cell Phone Apps and Technology used Against Law Enforcement
- Smart Phone Utilization during Law Enforcement Investigations
- Doxing techniques
- Increasing Officer Safety
- And Much More!

About the Instructor:

Steve Owens served 25 years with the Lancaster City (PA) Police. Steve served in many roles in his years with the Department including being a Detective in various units as well as being a member of the training cadre for 20 years. He was assigned as a Task Force Officer with the FBI Capital City Violent Crime Task Force. In 2016, in response to the increasing demand for evidence from various forms of electronic data and electronic surveillance, a position was created for Steve to specifically support investigations with the acquisition of various types of electronic evidence through surveillance and forensic recovery techniques. Steve's primary responsibility was supporting investigators with acquiring and preparing the electronic evidence they needed to advance and prosecute their cases.

Steve was additionally tasked with gathering and disseminating intelligence from social media to support the overall mission of the Lancaster City Police and surrounding jurisdictions. Steve acquired his FAA Part 107 sUAS pilots license and helped develop and deploy the department's drone program. Steve held both A and B certifications under Pennsylvania's Wiretap Act. He is a court recognized expert in cellular telephone records analysis and mapping as well as forensic telephone extractions and analysis.

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