Ohio High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area

2025 Training Schedule

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"The mission of the Training Initiative is to improve the ability of the Ohio HIDTA to counter drug trafficking. Selective training opportunities, provided in support of HIDTA initiatives and law enforcement agencies within the HIDTA, will contribute directly toward accomplishing this objective. This will be achieved by providing timely, relevant training that will enhance the knowledge, skills and performance of all participating Ohio HIDTA law enforcement and support personnel."

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Law Enforcement Training Schedule for 2025

Recognizing Illicit & Abused Drugs	**3/27 - 3/28**	**Independence, OH**
Video Surveillance Course	**4/15 - 4/17**	**Cleveland, OH**
Technology Threats & Trends	**4/21 - 4/22**	**Independence, OH**
Cell Phone Investigations	**5/12 - 5/13**	**Independence, OH**
Hidden Compartment Training	**6/9**	**Independence, OH**
Detecting Misleading Behaviors	**6/23 - 6/24**	**Allison Park, PA**
Financial Investigations	**7/16 - 7/17**	**Middleburg Heights, OH**
Cellebrite CASA	**7/21 - 7/25**	**Cleveland, OH (COST)**
Patrol Officer Drug Investigations	**8/11 - 8/12**	**Allison Park, PA**
Law Enforcement Intelligence	**8/18 - 8/19**	**Allison Park, PA**
Dark Web Investigations	**9/8 - 9/9**	**Independence, OH**
Firearm Trafficking Investigations	**9/15 - 9/16**	**Allison Park, PA**
Cellebrite Certified Operator & Cellebrite Certified Physical Analyst for Inseyets (CCO/CCPA)	**9/29 - 10/3**	**Cleveland, OH (COST)**
Advanced Meth Investigations	**10/20**	**Middleburg Heights, OH**
Open Source Intelligence	**10/27 - 10/28**	**Independence, OH**

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Registration can also be completed online!

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

RECOGNIZING ILLICIT & ABUSED DRUGS

This two-day course will cover the newest and most prevalent abused illicit drugs in the US. Officers will learn how to identify and understand the individual hazards that each substance presents from the traffic stop, calls for service, working undercover, or processing a drug-related search warrant. Officers will learn how each substance fits into the five classes under the Controlled Substances Act (CSA) from narcotics, depressants, stimulants, hallucinogens, and anabolic steroids. Each officer will build drug paraphernalia props during the course to further their knowledge of how paraphernalia is used.

This course will cover the following substances:
- **Opiates/Opioids/Heroin/Fentanyl/Buprenorphine/Isotonitazine/Xylazine**
- **Prescription pills/Counterfeit Prescription Pills**
- **Methamphetamine/Amphetamine/Conversion Labs**
- **Cocaine/Crack Cocaine**
- **Marijuana/BHO/Edibles/Concentrates/THC Extraction Labs**
- **MDMA/Ecstasy/Molly/LSD/Mushrooms**
- **GHB, GBL, BD, Rohypnol**
- **Steroids/Testosterone/Trenbolone/Oxymetholone/Nandrolone**
- **Novelty Psychoactive Substances**
- **New synthetic and semi synthetic controlled substances**

This two-day course will cover the following:
- **Visual recognition of each controlled substance**
- **The common dosage unit for each substance**
- **Routes of ingestion for each substance**
- **Packaging and paraphernalia**
- **Articulation in determining dealer vs user in drug cases**
- **Substances commonly found in overdose deaths**
- **Visual signs of impairment**
- **Illicit shipping methods**
- **Field testing certification**
- **Administration of Narcan/Naloxone**

Course Date & Time: **(2 Days)** **March 27 – 28, 2025**
8:00 am – 4:00 pm **Independence Civic Center**
6363 Selig Drive
Independence, OH 44131

VIDEO SURVEILLANCE FOR DRUG & BORDER INVESTIGATIONS (HOURS VARY)

COURSE OVERVIEW

This three-day hands-on prepares investigators to record evidence-grade surveillance video with camcorders, mirrorless/DSLR cameras, covert video cameras, and pole/IP cameras. Students are exposed to state-of-the-art video surveillance systems and are offered the opportunity to use them in realistic scenarios. It will include how to plan a successful video surveillance operation and the skills necessary for safe operations.

A night session lets students practice multiple techniques for recording surveillance video in low-light and no-light conditions. Participants will learn how to link covert audio transmitters to their video cameras for UC/CI safety and observation. Students also practice using professional microphones with camcorders to record confessions, eyewitness accounts, and victim statements.

Numerous street-level surveillance exercises give students the chance to practice these techniques in the field and review the results.

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

Instructor-provided equipment is available for all students! Students are encouraged to bring department-issued camcorders, DSLR cameras, night vision devices, and/or covert audio and video devices.

COURSE TOPICS

• The power of video as a source of evidence
• Choosing video cameras for surveillance
• The elements of video continuity
• Automatic and manual focus
• Optical and digital zoom
• Hands-on daylight surveillance of stationary and moving subjects
• Hands-on nighttime surveillance with video cameras, night vision, and IR illumination devices
• Recording quality audio from body receivers and other sources
• Recording with covert video systems
• Employing pole/IP cameras for long-term surveillance
• Using surveillance video during pre-operational briefings

Course Date & Time:	(3 Days)	April 15-17, 2025
	HOURS:	4781 Hinckley Industrial Parkway
	Day 1: 8am - 5pm	Cleveland, OH 44109
	Day 2: 1pm - 9pm	
	Day 3: 8:30am - 2:30pm	

TECHNOLOGY THREATS & TRENDS AGAINST LAW ENFORCEMENT

Topics Covered:

- **Video Counter-Surveillance**
- **The Vulnerabilities of Caller ID Including Spoofing & Unblocking Software**
- **Virtual Numbers**
- **What the Metadata in Photographs Reveals**
- **Devious & Dangerous Smartphone Apps**
- **GPS & Geo-Location Threats**
- **Understanding IP Addresses & How to Identify a Target**
- **Proxy Servers &VPNs**
- **Pertinent Intelligence to Gain from Vehicle Data**
- **Officers Personal Information on the Internet & How to Remove**
- **Case Studies & Examples of Some Technologies Used Against Officers**

Course Overview:

Technology saturates our everyday lives. Yet, so many technologies are being developed with the specific purpose of targeting police officers or hiding criminal activity.

This is a unique and eye-opening class for prosecutors, law enforcement personnel, and anyone working in the judicial system who wants to learn more about how technologies are being used (or misused) to commit crimes, avoid or detect investigations, and to conduct counter-surveillance.

However, not only will this class examine and demonstrate how individuals are misusing these technologies, but it will also reveal simple, inexpensive ways to mitigate their success as well as provide some investigative tips.

Although dealing with technology issues, this course is instructed in a manner that both the novice and the expert will understand and appreciate.

The course utilizes a combination of lecture, multimedia examples, case studies, and live demonstrations involving the attendees.

Course Date & Time:	(2 Days)	April 21 - 22, 2025
	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Independence Civic Center
		6363 Selig Drive
		Independence, OH 44131

CELL PHONE INVESTIGATION TECHNIQUES

Topics Covered:

- **Cell Phone Terminology**
- **VOIP & Spoofing Challenges**
- **Interpretation of Call Records**
- **Cell Site & Specialized Location Records**
- **Google Known Tracking & Geo Fencing Warrants**
- **Apple, iCloud, and Airtag Warrants**
- **Meta Platforms (Facebook, Instagram, & Whats app)**
- **TikTok, Snapchat, & Latest App Trends**
- **Advanced Tracking Techniques**

Course Overview:

It has become increasingly difficult for law enforcement to successfully exploit cell phones due to the evolution of smartphone technology. Criminals' heavy reliance on cell phones makes it crucial for police officers to learn common cell phone terminology and understand the data they receive from cell phone companies.

Historical cell-site data and specialized location records have been utilized in thousands of investigations to successfully track a criminal or put them near a crime scene. Information will be presented during this block of instructions on the benefits of using these records, the limitations of the records, and the best software to map the records.

Smartphone Applications (APPS) have become the preferred method of communication for criminals. Although the content of many APPS is encrypted, there are digital imprints left behind on the actual device. Information will be presented on various APPS, as well as the types of data that can be obtained from the APP providers.

The final blocks of instruction will involve instructions on obtaining available data from Google & Apple products. Google's large platform of location data enables law enforcement to accurately track Google users while Apple's iCloud data allows law enforcement to obtain contents of communications when stored to the cloud. This two-day training course will provide officers with a comprehensive approach to exploiting cellular telephones.

Course Date & Time:	(2 Days)	May 12 - 13, 2025
	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Independence Civic Center
		6363 Selig Drive
		Independence, OH 44131

HIDDEN COMPARTMENT TRAINING

Topics Covered:
- Learn the comprehensive methods used to clear every void
- Identify all basic hides every patrol officer needs to know
- Identify advanced deep concealment every interdiction officer needs to know

Course Date & Time: **(1 Day)**   **June 9, 2025**
                          8:00 am – 4:00 pm   **Independence Civic Center**
                                                     6363 Selig Drive
                                                     Independence, OH 44131

DETECTING MISLEADING BEHAVIORS

Topics Covered:

- **Subconscious Communication Vs. Conscious Communication**
- **Verbal and Non-Verbal Indicators of Stress**
- **Baseline Behaviors & Rapport Building**
- **Deceptive Behaviors during Vehicle Interdiction**
- **Pre-attack indicators for Patrol Officers**
- **Victimology and Recognizing Misleading Victim Statements**
- **Subject Elimination Interviews**
- **Theme Building & Question Structuring Techniques**
- **The Cognitive Load Theory**
- **Verbal Indicators of Truthful Statements**
- **Controlled Operations & Deception**

Course Overview:

In many instances, law enforcement officers have limited opportunities to interview witnesses to crimes or interrogate suspects that are under arrest. It is crucial that officers obtain a truthful and accurate account of what occurred. This can be accomplished by strategically planning the interview and understanding the importance rapport building plays in obtaining a truthful statement.

The subconscious mind plays a critical role in detecting misleading behaviors during criminal investigations. When individuals are faced with stressful questions, they often rely on grooming gestures, posture changes, or other recognizable behavior changes that occur. This course will delve into the differences between the subconscious mind and the conscious mind and how the two often contradict each other when a suspect is being interviewed.

Officers should also recognize the importance of developing baseline behavior when conducting interviews. If the officer doesn't know how the person behaves or responds when telling the truth, it will be difficult to detect deception. Detail information will be presented on proper ways to establish baseline behavior.

Deceptive behaviors often occur during criminal interdiction stops. Patrol officers learn how to quickly assess these behaviors to increase officer safety and to disrupt the transportation of contraband. Information will be presented on common Pre-attack indictors

The instructor will illustrate various verbal and non-verbal indicators of misleading behaviors using video-recorded interviews of actual witnesses and suspects. Practical scenarios will also be used to reinforce the lecture.

Course Date & Time: **(2 Days)**   **June 23 - 24, 2025**
    8:00 am – 4:00 pm   **Allegheny Training Academy**
    700 W. Ridge Road
    Allison Park, PA 15101

FINANCIAL INVESTIGATIONS

Topics Covered:

- **Money Laundering Overview**
- **Financial Institutions & Bank Secrecy Act**
- **FINCEN Oversight & Compliance**
- **Traditional Money Laundering Activities**
- **Establishing Shell Companies**
- **Smurfing Activities**
- **Trade-based Money Laundering**
- **Digital Financial Services**
- **Cryptocurrency Regulations**
- **Investigative Analysis Tools**
- **In-depth Case Studies**

Course Overview:

This Money Laundering & Digital Payment Methods course is designed to equip law enforcement officers with essential skills to detect, investigate, and dismantle money laundering operations tied to drug trafficking. Participants will gain an in-depth understanding of the financial processes that support criminal organizations, and the methods used to launder illicit proceeds. Through a combination of theoretical insights and practical exercises, officers will explore how to identify fraudulent business practices and conduct financial interviews aimed at uncovering hidden assets.

The course will cover the different stages of money laundering, from placement to integration, as well as various techniques employed by drug trafficking organizations to conceal proceeds from illegal activities. Officers will learn about indirect methods of accounting to trace illicit funds and how to apply financial search warrants to seize criminal assets. Additionally, participants will examine case studies of notable money laundering operations, both domestic and international, with a special focus on modern-day digital payment systems like Venmo, PayPal, Cash App, and Zelle, which are increasingly used by criminals to evade detection.

By the end of the course, law enforcement officers will have practical knowledge of how to conduct financial investigations, work with multi-agency teams, and employ tactical methods for gathering and analyzing financial evidence. The interactive exercises and case studies will ensure that participants leave with real-world skills to counter the sophisticated money laundering operations that fuel drug trafficking organizations.

Course Date & Time:	**(2 Days)**	**July 16 - 17, 2025**
	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	**Middleburg Heights Rec. Center**
		16000 Bagley Road
		Middleburg Heights, OH 44130

CELLEBRITE ADVANCED SMARTPHONE ANALYSIS WITH INSEYETS (CASA)
THERE IS A COST FOR THIS 5 DAY CLASS!

The Cellebrite Advanced Smartphone Analysis with Inseyets course is a five-day (35 hours) advanced level course designed to provide training in forensic recovery and analysis of application data from smartphone extractions. The CASA Inseyets class leverages Inseyets Physical Analyzer (Inseyets PA) capabilities to explore database contents, and uses third-party, open-source tools and Python scripting to decode information not commonly decoded by forensic tools. In this course, examiners will decode both iOS and Android-specific applications to perform pattern-of-life analysis and validate findings.

Course Date & Time:	**(5 Days)**	**July 21 - 25, 2025**
	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	**Ohio HIDTA**
		4781 Hinckley Industrial Parkway
		Cleveland, OH 44109

PATROL OFFICER DRUG INVESTIGATIONS

Topics Covered:

- **Drug Identification**
- **Responding to Drug House Complaints**
- **Search & Seizure Case Law**
- **Knock & Talk Operations**
- **Consent Searches**
- **Vehicle Stops & Terry Frisks**
- **Concealment Methods & Highway Interdiction**
- **Report Writing**

Course Overview:

Drug-related crimes are impacting every community across the United States. Law enforcement agencies devote a tremendous amount of resources to combat illegal narcotic activity.

This course will present information on basic drug identification and cutting agents for each of the major drugs. Oftentimes, criminals do not conceal the cutting agents. Up-to-date drug trends and packaging material will be discussed.

Search and seizure case law as it relates to drug investigations continuously changes. Officers will be presented with the most up to-date court rulings impacting narcotic investigations. Consent searches are the backbone of many interdiction units. Learning how to legally obtain consent can help provide solid evidence of guilt if narcotics are discovered based on the consent. Various tips and techniques will be presented during this block of instruction.

Concealment methods used by drug dealers are becoming extremely complex. Information will be presented to identify hidden compartments and common places drug dealers attempt to conceal contraband.

Detecting unusual driving behavior within seconds as a vehicle passes by can be a hard concept to recognize. Understanding of behavioral analysis is essential for all officers both in the field and during a criminal interdiction.

After attending this course, patrol officers will have the resources and training to seize larger quantities of drugs, firearms, and U.S. currency.

Course Date & Time:	**(2 Days)**	**August 11 - 12, 2025**
	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	**Allegheny Training Academy**
		700 W. Ridge Road
		Allison Park, PA 15101

LAW ENFORCEMENT INTELLIGENCE

Topics Covered:

- **History of Intelligence**
- **Intelligence Classifications**
- **Intelligence Life Cycle**
- **Intelligence Led Policing**
- **Utilization of Advanced Technologies**
- **Extracting Intelligence from Social Media Apps**
- **Analytical Techniques**
- **Establishing Covert Online Profiles**

Course Overview:

Law Enforcement Intelligence is a crucial aspect to combating crime in the 21st century. Modern day technology continues to evolve; however, law enforcement has been behind the curve. Unfortunately, many law enforcement agencies are attempting to fight current criminal activities with outdated methods. This course is designed to help bring officers and investigators up to speed with new technology trends and give them practical/applicable tools to successfully

conduct online investigations involving open source and social media. Uniform officers can immediately put aspects of the course to work as effectively as detectives or criminal analysts.

Topics include internet basics such as internet protocol (IP) addresses and domains, an overview of currently popular social media platforms, and best practices for building an online undercover profile. The course will provide live demonstrations of both open-source and commercially-available investigative tools for social engineering, information gathering, and artifacts related to social media; as well as automated utilities to capture information and crawl websites. This class is taught by a police officer for police officers. The method of teaching is easy and straight forward, and each officer will leave with immediately applicable tools to assist in investigations.

Course Date & Time: **(2 Days)**   **August 18 - 19, 2025**
                             8:00 am – 4:00 pm   **Allegheny Training Academy**
                                                            700 W. Ridge Road
                                                            Allison Park, PA 15101

DARK WEB INVESTIGATIONS

Topics Covered:

- **Dark Web Overview & History**
- **The Tor Browser**
- **Creating Virtual Boxes**
- **Popular Illicit Market Places**
- **Cryptocurrency, Wallets, and ATM Machines**
- **Blockchain Technology Overview**
- **Establishing Covert Accounts**
- **Pastebins & Forums**
- **Localizing Investigations**
- **Tracking Resources**
- **In-depth Practical Exercises**

Course Overview:

Criminals are increasingly utilizing the Dark Web to conduct their illicit activities ranging from narcotic trafficking, contract murders and weapons smuggling to fraudulent scams, various child crimes, and contract hackers.

Law Enforcement Investigators should have a basic understanding of the different types of the web to include the surface web, deep web, and the dark web. This course will include detailed information on popular "Marketplaces" where most criminal activity occurs.

Class participants will learn various ways to access the dark web with an emphasis on operational security. Complete covert backstopping is key to remaining anonymous and protecting the identity of the officer while doing cases on the dark web.

Cryptocurrency is utilized as a method of payment on the dark web. Bitcoin, Monero, and Zcash are preferred payment types on many marketplaces. Class participants will learn the fundamentals of cryptocurrency, blockchain technology, and cryptocurrency wallets.

Live demonstrations on various marketplaces will be provided. The participants will have the opportunity to establish covert dark web accounts and explore through the dark web on tablets provided for the students applying what they learned.

Course Date & Time: **(2 Days)**   **September 8 - 9, 2025**
                                         8:00 am – 4:00 pm   **Independence Civic Center**
                                                                6363 Selig Drive
                                                                Independence, OH 44131

FIREARM TRAFFICKING INVESTIGATIONS

Topics Covered:

- **Federal/State Firearm Laws Overview**
- **NIBIN – Benefits of Tracing Firearms**
- **Indicators of Firearm Trafficking**
- **Straw Purchases**
- **The Gun Show Loophole**
- **"Interviewing" the Weapon**
- **Common Street Weapons**
- **Undercover Firearm Purchases**
- **Case Preparation**
- **Courtroom Testimony**

Course Overview:

Gun crime suppression tactics are often conducted in a reactive manner by seizing firearms after a violent crime has been committed. Historically, firearms are also seized after enforcement activity related to narcotic operations. While these types of seizures are important, it has become increasingly necessary to proactive target criminals involved the illegal distribution of firearms.

In-depth case law will be presented covering the various state and federal firearm law violations that can be used to proactively target criminals. It is imperative that officers have a true understanding of the elements each firearm law offense to ensure a successful prosecution.

Conducting witness, victim, and suspect interviews are a critical component of firearm trafficking investigations. Detailed information will be presented on techniques to "interview the firearm" and utilizing appropriate questions that will aid in the prosecution of the criminal.

This two-day training course will focus on all aspects of firearms trafficking. The participants will receive information on various types of common street weapons, pricing, and possible modifications.

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Course Date & Time: **(2 Days)**   **September 15 - 16, 2025**
     8:00 am – 4:00 pm   **Allegheny Training Academy**
     700 W. Ridge Road
     Allison Park, PA 15101

CELLEBRITE CERTIFIED OPERATOR & CELLEBRITE CERTIFIED PHYSICAL ANALYST FOR INSEYETS (CCO/CCPA) - THERE IS A COST FOR THIS 5 DAY CLASS!

<u>Cellebrite Certified Operator for Inseyets (CCO Inseyets)</u> is a two (2) day intermediate-level certification course that introduces mobile device unlocking, decrypting, and extraction techniques using Inseyets powered by UFED. The course guides participants through pre-extraction considerations that allow examiners to maximize their extraction efforts and protect the potential evidentiary data stored on mobile devices. Participants will gain experience conducting Logical, File System, and Physical extractions using forensically sound methods, and learn techniques related to Before First Unlock (BFU) and After First Unlock (AFU), and apply advanced extraction strategies on locked devices. Finally, participants will create a shareable UFDR report to streamline the investigative process and discuss post-extraction evidence concerns.

Participants will earn the CCO Inseyets certification upon passing a knowledge test and practical skills assessment with a score of 80% or higher.

<u>Cellebrite Certified Physical Analyst for Inseyets (CCPA Inseyets)</u> is a three (3) day advanced-level certification course focused on the analysis of forensically acquired digital evidence and advanced search techniques using Inseyets powered by Physical Analyzer (Inseyets PA). Participants will use Inseyets PA to create and manage cases and load evidence to view and analyze Android and iOS extraction data. Using the SQLite database view, participants will explore database contents to find and recover deleted data. The course includes forensic analysis best practices with an overview of verification and validation techniques along with forensic reporting.

Participants will earn the CCPA Inseyets certification upon passing a knowledge test and practical skills assessment with a score of 80% or higher.

Course Date & Time: **(5 Days)**   **September 29 - October 3, 2025**
     8:00 am – 4:00 pm   **Ohio HIDTA**
     4781 Hinckley Industrial Parkway
     Cleveland, OH 44109

ADVANCED METHAMPHETAMINE INVESTIGATIONS

Topics Covered:

• **History of Methamphetamine**
• **Methods to Manufacture Methamphetamine**
• **Current Methamphetamine Trends**

• Importation / Transportation / Distribution
• Interdiction Investigations
• Using Dark Web, Crypto & Postal to Distribute

Course Overview:

Methamphetamine, a potent and highly addictive stimulant, remains an extremely serious problem in the United States. In some areas of the country, it poses an even greater threat than opioids, and it is the drug that most contributes to violent crime.

The history of meth from how it all started, to who controlled the trade from outlaw motorcycle gangs to the Mexican Cartels. Learn about the Jalisco New Generation Cartel who control the majority of methamphetamine production and distribution today. The importation and transportation tactics used by the cartels to distribute it across the United States.

Although meth labs have decreased across the United States, there are still meth labs located all over the country and the dangers are extremely volatile to law enforcement and the community. We will identify the chemicals used, hazards and cooking process of Red-P/Iodine, Birch Reduction/Nazi, One Pot/Shake & Bake and Liquid Meth conversation labs. A brief overview regarding common dangers and proper safety equipment will be provided.

Current meth trends involving other drugs combined with meth have increased heavily in the last couple years. Discuss these poly drug combos, what to look for, and photos of the drugs.

Conducting an interdiction investigation is a skillful craft needed because it is based on consensual encounters. What to look for with indicators, body language and common questions to ask. Hidden compartments can be anything from voided areas to very sophisticated hidden compartments with hydraulic access.

More criminals today, including the Mexican Cartels, are utilizing cryptocurrency to purchase narcotics on the dark web as well as use it as a preferred payment method when selling due to anonymity and harder for law enforcement to track. We will discuss dark web marketplaces, shipping methods, cryptocurrency and the type of wallets being used to move the cryptocurrency.

Course Date & Time:	**(1 Day)**	**October 20, 2025**
	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	**Middleburg Heights Rec. Center**
		16000 Bagley Road
		Middleburg Heights, OH 44130

OPEN SOURCE INTELLIGENCE

Topics Covered:

- **Setting Up Covert Social Media Accounts**
- **Browser Search Reducing Returns To Locate Subject**
- **Social Media Intelligence Gathering**

- **Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat & Twitter Investigations**
- **Virtual Private Networks**
- **Android and IOS Apps**
- **Practical Applications**

Course Overview:

Open Source Intelligence is a crucial aspect of combating crime in the 21st century. Modern-day technology continues to evolve; however, law enforcement has been behind the curve.

Unfortunately, many law enforcement agencies are attempting to fight current criminal activities with outdated methods. While open-source searches do not change, the tools utilized to search for this information are what changes.

This course is designed to help bring officers and investigators up to speed with the new technology trends and give them practical/applicable tools to conduct online investigations involving open source and social media platforms. Uniform officers can immediately put aspects of the course to work as effectively as detectives or criminal analysts.

Topics include Internet basics such as IP addresses and domains, an overview of currently popular social media platforms, and best practices for building an online undercover profile.

This course will feature live demonstrations of both open-source and commercially available investigative tools for information gathering, and artifacts related to social media; as well as automated utilities to capture information and crawl websites. Police officers teach this class for police officers. The method of teaching is smooth and straight forward, and each officer will leave with immediately applicable tools to assist in investigations.

<p style="text-align:center;">***A laptop or tablet is strongly recommended for this course***</p>

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                                8:00 am – 4:00 pm   **Independence Civic Center**
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                                                             Independence, OH 44131

Ohio High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area
REGISTRATION FORM

AN E-MAIL WILL BE SENT CONFIRMING YOUR ENROLLMENT

There is no registration cost for the classes in this brochure with the exception of the 2 Cellebrite Courses
Please fill out *one* registration form for *each* person and *each* class

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

Course Name: _____Course Date: _____

Name of Registrant: _____
                          (Last Name)   (First Name)

Registrants Agency: _____

Telephone Number: _____Cell Number: _____

Email: _____
                                        (REQUIRED)

Please include your contact information so we can contact you if there is a change to your class.

Are you a member of a HIDTA Task Force? If yes, please indicate which task force:

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SUPERVISOR APPROVAL IS MANDATORY

Supervisor's Name: _____

Supervisor's Telephone Number: _____

Supervisor's Email: _____

If you cannot attend a class, PLEASE email or call to cancel. Thank you.

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OR register online at www.ohiohidta.net

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