Ohio High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area

2026 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 2026

Mastering Interview and Interrogation
Techniques for Investigators & 1st Responders   **5/13 - 5/15**   **Middleburg Heights, OH**

Cellebrite Certified Operator & Cellebrite   **5/18 - 5/22**   **Cleveland, OH (COST)**
Certified Physical Analyst for Inseyets (CCO/CCPA)

Apple Products   **5/22 (4 hours)**   **WEBINAR**

Technology Threats & Trends Against LE   **6/15 - 6/16**   **Allegheny, PA**

Mid-Level Narcotic Investigations   **6/23 - 6/24**   **Allegheny, PA**

Cell Phone Investigation Techniques   **7/7 - 7/8**   **Allegheny, PA**

Physical Surveillance   **7/13 - 7/17**   **Middleburg Heights, OH**

Artificial Intelligence & Law Enforcement   **7/30 - 7/31**   **Independence, OH**

Social Networking   **8/3 - 8/4**   **Independence, OH**

Drafting Narcotic Search Warrants   **8/14 (8 hours)**   **WEBINAR**

Cellebrite CASA   **9/21 - 9/25**   **Cleveland, OH (COST)**

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

MASTERING INTERVIEW & INTERROGATION TECHNIQUES

This 2.5-day course gives law enforcement and first responders the tools to replace outdated methods with proven, modern techniques. You'll learn how to spot and fix common interview mistakes, build stronger subject rapport, and apply evidence-based strategies that improve outcomes in both field and custodial interviews.

This course reframes how investigators diagnose interviews—emphasizing evidence-based, narrative-driven, and cognitive approaches rather than relying on cue-based assumptions.

TOPICS COVERED:

- • How to identify and eliminate outdated or ineffective interview tactics
- • Strategies for building rapport and managing subject resistance
- • Techniques to reduce contamination and protect interview credibility
- • How to recognize deception without relying on debunked body language myths
- • Evidence-based methods for conducting field and custodial interviews

Course Date & Time: **(2.5 Days)**   **May 13 - 15, 2026**
                             8:00 am – 4:00 pm   Middleburg Heights, OH 44130

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

Cellebrite Certified Operator for Inseyets (CCO Inseyets) 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.

Cellebrite Certified Physical Analyst for Inseyets (CCPA Inseyets) 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)** **May 18-22, 2026**
9:00 am – 5:00 pm **Cleveland, OH 44109**

APPLE PRODUCTS (4 HOUR WEBINAR)

This training session will cover the most common Apple products that surface in criminal investigations. Detailed information will be provided on the functionality of the products as well as what data can be obtained when providing legal processes to Apple. Sample preservation requests, subpoenas, and search warrants will be discussed and provided to all class participants.

Course Date & Time: **(4-hour webinar)** **May 22, 2026**
9:30 am – 1:30 pm

TECHNOLOGY THREATS & TRENDS AGAINST LAW ENFORCEMENT

This course will explore the different technologies that saturate our everyday lives. Most of technology was created for good, but when criminals misuse it in a way to commit crimes it can affect all of us. The course is designed for both law enforcement and prosecutors, and will utilize a combination of lectures, multimedia examples, case studies, and live demonstrations involving the attendees.

Course Date & Time: **(2 Days)** **June 15-16, 2026**
8:00 am – 4:00 pm **Allison Park, PA 15101**

MID-LEVEL NARCOTIC INVESTIGATIONS

This course will teach officers how to identify, target, infiltrate and prosecute drug organizations that often go undetected. It was developed to target mid-level drug dealers using all available resources, including both state and federal narcotics and firearm laws. All the material presented are based solely on methods that have been extremely effective in past mid-level investigations.

Course Date & Time: **(2 Days)** **June 23-24, 2026**
8:00 am – 4:00 pm **Allison Park, PA 15101**

CELL PHONE INVESTIGATION TECHNIQUES

This two-day training course will provide class participants with methods to exploit and obtain data from smartphones and app providers. Detailed information will be provided on Google, Apple, and Meta products as well as the most utilized apps that surface in criminal investigations. Various updated search warrant templates and legal processes will be provided.

Course Date & Time: **(2 Days)**   **July 7-8, 2026**
                         8:00 am – 4:00 pm   **Allison Park, PA 15101**

PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE

TOPICS COVERED:

- Types of Physical Surveillance Operations
- Vehicle vs. Foot Surveillance
- Different Surveillance Environments
- Counter-Surveillance Activity
- Tradecraft - Ability to Blend In
- Nighttime Surveillance
- "Purpose of Action"
- Proper Vehicle and Equipment
- Physical Surveillance Tactics
- Proper Documentation – Pertinent or Non-Pertinent Activity

COURSE OVERVIEW:

Physical Surveillance is a necessary extension of undercover operations and a special skill set used to identify and record illegal activity to assist investigators in gathering pertinent information and building their case. Unexperienced surveillance operators can inadvertently expose their teams and investigations by failing to use the necessary skills required of a surveillance team. This course is founded in practical scenario-based training with an emphasis on the fundamentals of physical surveillance, surveillance terminology, equipment, and operator skills (tradecraft).

The course focuses on surveillance of narcotics trafficking, and many other types of criminal activity, counter surveillance, tactical operation plans, investigative reports, and surveillance preparation and operational reports (scratch reports).

The class emphasizes being adaptable and documenting of pertinent activity. After the first day of lecture students will understand the terminology and tactics which will prepare them for 'real-world' surveillance operations. The Physical Surveillance course is designed for law enforcement officers involved in the monitoring of illegal activity in all types of environments for the purpose of documenting said activity for the furtherance of criminal investigations.

Course Date & Time: **(5 Days)**   **July 13 - 17, 2026**
                                 8:00 am – 4:00 pm   **Middleburg Heights, OH 44130**

ARTIFICAL INTELLIGENCE & LAW ENFORCEMENT

The course aims to explore the transformative role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in modern law enforcement practices. Students will learn about different aspects of AI and how it functions in today's society, then examine how AI technologies are deployed for crime prevention, investigation, predictive policing, surveillance, and forensic analysis. The goal is to prepare learners to understand both the opportunities and challenges of integrating AI into policing, considering operational effectiveness, ethical dilemmas, policy implications, and public trust.

TOPICS COVERED:

- AI used in open-source investigations
- Discover different ways Deepfakes are used in criminal behavior
- Legal Standards and Due Process
- Public Trust and Community engagement
- Future trends and challenges with AI
- Drone utilization of AI technologies
- Technology terms, acronyms and how it's developed and works
- Understand the fundamental concepts of AI and its applications in law enforcement
- Evaluate the ethical, legal, and societal implications of AI deployment in policing

Course Date & Time: **(2 Days)**   **July 30-31, 2026**
                                 8:00 am – 4:00 pm   **Independence, OH 44131**

SOCIAL NETWORKING

TOPICS COVERED:

- Size & Types of Social Media
- Terms & Attributes of Social Media
- Data Imbedded in Photos & How to Retrieve it
- Types of Information Collected & Investigative/Intelligence Benefits
- Social Media Messaging (Encryption, Self-Destructing)
- Social Media Search Tools
- Fake Profiles
- Safeguards
- Practical Applications

COURSE OVERVIEW:

Social Networking is a crucial aspect of combating crime in the 21st century. Modern-day technology continues to evolve and law enforcement must evolve also with the technology. 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 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.

Information will be presented to break down the elements of social networking, examine what information is collected and demonstrate what a great investigative/intelligence tool it can be. Information regarding investigative leads, relationships, communications, photographs, location, etc. is all available and many times an open source. In addition, participants will learn the proper methods of authenticating the information they collect. However, social networking has also created several problems for law enforcement especially in matters of safety for both officers and their families.
Social media sites exist where officer and informant information are posted. Criminal organizations are collecting photos and biomaterial of officers and sharing that information via social media. This class will delineate steps officers must take to safeguard their information while utilizing social media for investigative work as well as in their personal lives.

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.

Course Date & Time: **(2 Days)**   **August 3-4, 2026**
                            8:00 am – 4:00 pm   Independence, OH

DRAFTING NARCOTIC SEARCH WARRANTS (8 HOUR WEBINAR)

This course is designed to equip law enforcement professionals with necessary skills to effectively draft a variety of search warrant affidavits. Aiming to provide participants with a deep understanding of the legal requirements and best practices involved in preparing search warrant affidavits. Essential topics such as legal principles, proper documentation, and relevant case law will be presented.

Course Date & Time: **(8-hour webinar)   August 14, 2026**
                            9:30 am – 4:30 pm

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)**   **September 21-25, 2026**
                                          9:00 am – 5:00 pm   **Cleveland, OH 44109**