Northern CA HIDTA, Midwest Counterdrug Training Center, and CNOA Region I, present

Open Source Investigations for Anti-Trafficking Operations

Course Description: The course is designed to instruct officers 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.

Topics Covered

• 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 protect the agent's identity on social media
- 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

*** A LAPTOP OR TABLET IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED BUT NOT REQUIRED***

Instructor: Joe Pannullo is a recently retired Police Officer with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department where he worked for 21 years. He spent the last 17 1/2 years as a Detective assigned to the Narcotics Section. During his 17 1/2 years in the Narcotics Section, Joe was assigned to the Clandestine Lab Team and Street Level Narcotics Team, was a sworn Federal Task Force Officer (TFO) assigned to a DEA Task Force for 5 years and was a Training Coordinator for the Narcotics Section. Joe worked undercover for 10 years both on the Street Team dealing with low & mid-level dealers as well as working undercover on the DEA Task Force dealing with mainly Cartel Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTO). He is a certified expert witness by the courts for clandestine drug labs, undercover operations and general narcotics related operations.

During his tenure as a Narcotic Investigator and a Crisis Negotiator, Joe learned methods to exploit various social media websites and smart phone applications to quickly gather intelligence on the targets of his investigations or the subjects that he was negotiating with. Based on these experiences, Joe began teaching Social Media Investigations for LVMPD, Nevada HIDTA, and other agencies in the surrounding area.

Joe retired from LVMPD to pursue his passion of teaching and training other law enforcement personnel. He believes his training and experiences working for one of the top police departments in the United States, will greatly benefit other police officers and agencies to learn different police concepts that can improve the way some do police work and possibly prevent a tragedy from happening through safer methods.

Training Information:

When: September 30 – October 1, 2019
Where: **Mountain View Police Department, 1000 Villa St, Mountain View CA**
Time: Registration: 7:30 a.m. The training will run 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Cost: There is no cost for this training.
To Register: Go to our webpage www.nchidta.org.

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