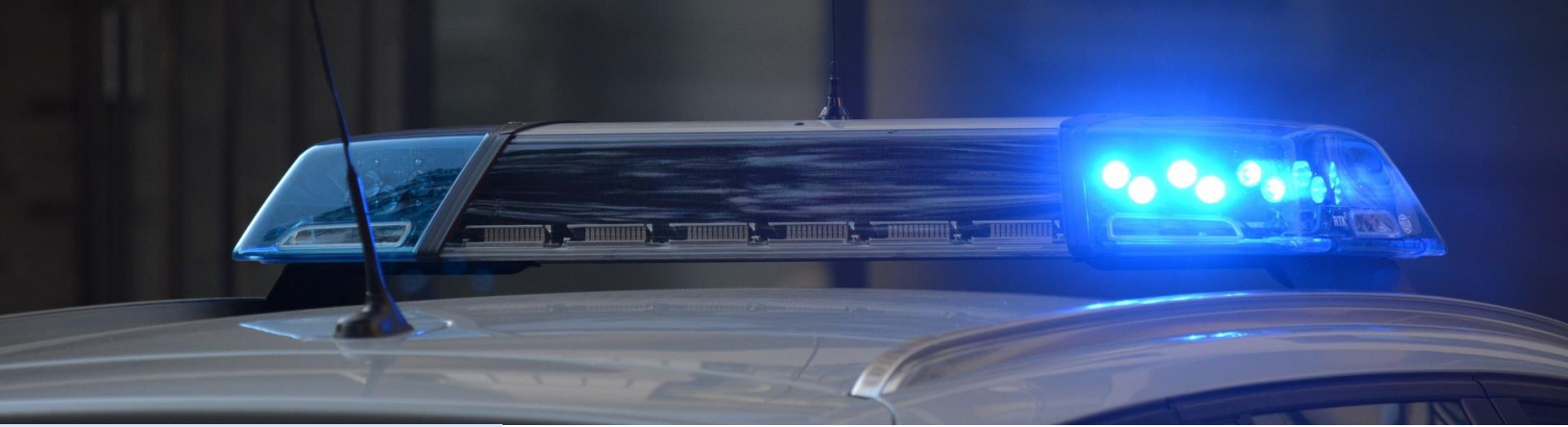# SOCIAL MEDIA & OPEN SOURCE INVESTIGATIONS
HOSTED BY THE TNOA NORTH REGION

WHEN:
November 14-15, 2024
8:30AM- 4:30PM

WHERE:
Dallas County Sheriff's Academy
8401 S. Polk St,
Dallas, TX 75232

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:
Officers, Detectives, SRO's,
Dispatchers, Crime Analysts, etc.
RESTRICTED TO LAW
ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL

WHAT TO BRING:
This is a hands-on course, students
are required to bring a laptop or
tablet with internet access.

COST:
$325 TNOA Member Price
$375 Non-TNOA Member Price

REGISTER:
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This two-day Social Media & Open Source Investigations course is designed to equip law enforcement officers with the necessary skills and knowledge to gather information from publicly available sources, such as social media, websites, and other online platforms.
The course will cover a range of topics, including the legal and ethical considerations involved in conducting social media & Open Source (OSINT) investigations, the identification and evaluation of online sources, and the use of specialized tools and techniques for data analysis and verification. Participants will learn how to leverage social media platforms to identify and track criminal activity, monitor threat indicators, and gather evidence for investigations. Throughout the training, officers will be encouraged to practice their skills through hands-on exercises and case studies, enabling them to develop a practical understanding of how to use social media and OSINT in real-world scenarios. By the end of the course, officers will have a comprehensive understanding of the principles and techniques of OSINT and be able to effectively integrate these methods into their investigative practices. They will also be equipped with the knowledge and skills to ensure that their use of social media and other online sources is lawful, ethical, and in compliance with agency policies and procedures.

TOPICS INCLUDE:
Legal issues regarding Social Media & Open Source Investigations
Anonymizing techniques
Open Source investigations
Social Media investigations
(Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat)
Handling exigent circumstances on Social Media
Execution of legal process to Social Media
How to document your search
How to preserve digital evidence
Exercises for students to demonstrate proficiency

Students will be given a FREE list of investigative resources in the class and shown numerous free databases/resources during the class.

INSTRUCTOR: Detective Hock currently works at a large department in the Dallas, Texas area and is responsible for uncovering and supplying real time, actionable intelligence to field operations personnel by using social media platforms, law enforcement databases and open source intelligence gathering tools. He is a highly commended officer in the use of "out of the box" techniques to safely apprehend and successfully prosecute criminals. He has been sought after by numerous local, state and federal agencies to assist with high profile investigations using social media and open source methods.

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