

HIDTA Training

Cryptocurrency Investigations

The use of Cryptocurrency as a form of payments and investments has exploded over the past several years. Due to the decentralization that cryptocurrency offers, criminals have tapped into this market to pay for illicit activity as well as engage in money laundering methods. There are thousands of cryptocurrencies available ranging in costs from less than a penny to \$69,000 for Bitcoin at its peak. Criminals prefer “privacy coins” like Monero or Zcash as a method to further obscure their identifies. This training course will cover the fundamentals of cryptocurrency to include how to obtain it using cryptocurrency wallets, peer to peer networks, and cryptocurrency exchanges. A brief overview of cryptocurrency tracking methods will be presented during the final block of instruction.

When

January 31, 2023
10am - 4pm

Where

DEA Tampa
4950 W. Kennedy Blvd
Tampa, FL 33609

Register Online

Open your web browser and register on our website <https://www.cfhidta.org/training>



Instructor

Byron Boston served twenty (20) years with Dallas Police. Department before retiring in May 2017. He spent over fourteen (14) years in the Narcotics Division as an undercover officer. For five (5) years, Byron was assigned to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) as a Task Force Officer (TFO) to investigate transnational criminal organizations impacting the Southwest Border of the United States. These investigations involved drug trafficking, extortions, kidnappings, and homicides.

Byron spent seven (7) years assigned to a Mid-level Undercover Enforcement Unit and was tasked with infiltrating violent drug trafficking organizations, posing as a large-scale drug trafficker. During those assignments, he rented undercover apartments and spent months gaining the trust and confidence of the targeted criminals. As a result of those investigations, over 200 gang members were arrested and convicted of various narcotic and firearm-related crimes.

During his fourteen (14) years in the Narcotic Division, Byron was also assigned to Tactical Narcotic Teams which were responsible for executing dynamic entry search warrants, vehicle assaults, and undercover officer extractions.

Byron is currently a Reserve Dallas Police assigned to the Criminal Intelligence Unit and actively assisted Detectives with cell phone analysis, open source intelligence, digital search warrant preparation, and other investigative needs. He also continues to serve as a training officer within the Narcotic Division.

Byron has been a national training instructor for over (10) years. During that time period he has trained thousands military, federal, state, local, and tribunal law enforcement officers from across the United States and Canada with exception reviews.

Byron possess a Master of Arts in Emergency Management and Homeland Security from Arizona State University.

Eligibility

Law Enforcement Officers assigned to the HIDTA TF Groups and other long term investigation teams are intended for this training, specifically narcotic agents and investigators.