



Social Media & Open-Source Investigations: Leveraging information to solve more investigations

The W/B HIDTA in partnership with In Charge Consulting, Louisa PD and the DCJS will host this **Social Media & Open-Source Investigations** free course in, Louisa, Virginia.

Course Description

--- 16 total hours ---

Digital data as evidence in investigations is well established and set to play a progressively more significant role in the future. A lack of understanding of the types of readily available digital data and what to do with it once you've acquired it from the various providers, can result in a tremendous amount of value-rich information being left undiscovered – information that can inevitably make or break cases.

This two-day Social Media & Open-Source Investigations course is designed to teach Analysts and Investigators how to legally utilize and exploit Open Source and Social Media intelligence in their respective roles. Digital data plays a vital role in making informed decisions in criminal investigations. Attendees will be shown how to conduct covert online investigations using advanced search techniques. Attendees will be shown relevant and current case studies to reinforce some of the unconventional investigative methods taught in the course. Attendees will learn the most recent case law that allows them to use these techniques in their investigations.

Attendees will learn what digital data is available, why the specific data is valuable, what data to seek based on case particulars, and how to write court orders and/or search warrants to obtain the data successfully. Attendees will be shown how to correctly manage the data received for posterity and discovery requirements and how to exploit the data received for actionable leads and intelligence. Attendees will leave equipped with knowledge and skills, positioning them to leverage this data in investigations better.

Those who have utilized the techniques provided in this training have realized more significant case closure and solvability. Attendees will experience a substantial decrease in time spent identifying, acquiring, and analyzing digital data, generating more actionable leads, experiencing higher conviction rates, more significant plea dealings, and related greater overall job satisfaction.

Online Registration in HOTT is as follows:

1. Open your web browser to :

<https://www.nhac.org/hidtatrainingcalendar/events/27>

1. Select (*course name*). Select register

2. Fill in the **HOTT Online Application** and select **Complete Registration**

Date: May 13th and May 14th, 2025

Time: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Location: Louisa Arts Center

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