The Investigator's 3 Ts:
Tools, Technology, and Tradecraft Training Series

Unified Intelligence • Modern Investigation • Proven Tradecraft

Session 1 – 3/12/26: Foundational Tools of Modern Investigation introduces participants to practical, modern resources used to collect, manage, share, and analyze investigative data across agencies. This session highlights MView, a lesser-known but powerful multi-state public/private CCTV sharing platform led by MCAC that supports historic video access, crisis response, and special event operations. Participants will also gain exposure to the investigative value of GIS for visualizing and analyzing spatial data. A focused overview of Case Explorer will demonstrate how this web-based information-sharing and case management system supports subject and event deconfliction while enhancing officer safety through real-time operational conflict alerts. The session further explores resources available through the FBI's National Domestic Communications Assistance Center, including tools designed to help law enforcement navigate digital and communications-based evidence, with demonstrations of platforms that support open-source data coordination and social media analysis. Together, these tools provide a strong foundation for investigators and analysts operating in today's data-driven investigative environment.

Session 2 – 5/14/26: Investigating the Open Web with Purpose and Precision builds technical proficiency in conducting digital investigations and integrating intelligence derived from online and mobile data. This session features the FBI's Cell Analysis Survey Team (CAST), which will outline how historical and real-time cellular data can be leveraged to support investigations, along with a discussion of available capabilities, case studies, and the formal request process. Participants will also learn about the FBI Baltimore Social Media Analysis Response Team (SMART), which supports law enforcement partners with social media exploitation and provides structured investigative methodologies for identifying individuals online. Together, these presentations emphasize deliberate, methodical approaches to open-web and digital investigations, equipping investigators with practical tools and partner resources to operate with greater precision in the digital environment.

Session 3 – 7/9/26: Financial Intelligence in a Digital World focuses on field-tested investigative methods and the operational discipline required to conduct effective financial investigations in today's technology-driven environment. This session explores how modern financial intelligence tools and interagency casework strengthen investigative acumen and professionalism across agencies. Participants will be introduced to blockchain-enabled investigative capabilities through TRM Labs, demonstrating how transaction tracking at the individual address level and intuitive visual analytics can support actionable disruptions and measurable mission outcomes in the public sector. The session also features real-world case studies, including an FBI New York City examination of how cartels launder money and target the U.S. fentanyl supply chain, highlighting the intersection of financial flows and transnational crime. An additional case study from IRS Criminal Investigation is planned to further reinforce practical approaches and lessons learned from complex financial investigations, rounding out a comprehensive look at financial intelligence in the digital age.

Session 4 – 10/8/26: Every Vehicle Tells a Story — Learn to Read It delivers a hands-on, scenario-based learning experience that emphasizes collaboration and intelligence sharing across HIDTA and MCAC partner agencies. This session demonstrates how vehicle-related data can be transformed into actionable intelligence within a unified investigative framework. Participants will learn how advanced vehicle data exploitation supports discreet and complex investigations through BERLA, the Annapolis-based innovator that pioneered the use of infotainment systems and vehicle processing units as investigative resources. The session also highlights License Plate Recognition capabilities housed at MCAC, with practical guidance on the most effective reports to request and how to apply historic and real-time LPR data drawn from more than one billion reads in 2025. Rounding out the session, the MCAC Motor Vehicle Administration program manager will present real-world case studies illustrating how MVA data—sometimes initiated by nothing more than a smartphone photo of a passing vehicle—can generate critical leads, with documented results in 2025 that include dozens of arrests, firearms recoveries, and significant drug seizures.