Dark Web Investigations for Law Enforcement Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Criminology	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

1. Understand the structure and protocols of the Deep Web vs. Dark Web
2. Identify and analyze Tor, I2P, and other anonymous networks
3. Detect and investigate illicit marketplaces and hidden services
4. Track cryptocurrency transactions for forensic investigations
5. Collect digital evidence while maintaining chain-of-custody
6. Use OSINT and darknet intelligence tools for threat analysis
7. Monitor dark web chatter for cyber threat intelligence (CTI)
8. Collaborate across international jurisdictions using MLATs
9. Conduct undercover operations and online persona management
10. Prevent child exploitation and human trafficking on the dark web
11. Analyze trends in cyberterrorism and dark web radicalization
12. Perform malware analysis tied to darknet vendors
13. Generate actionable intelligence for law enforcement reporting

Target Audience

1. Federal law enforcement officers
2. State and local police cyber units
3. Intelligence analysts
4. Cybersecurity specialists
5. Digital forensics investigators
6. Counterterrorism professionals
7. Prosecutors and legal advisors
8. Military and national security personnel

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Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to the Dark Web

- Definition of Deep Web vs. Dark Web
- History and evolution of the darknet
- Legal vs. illegal usage
- Common myths and facts
- Key darknet technologies
- **Case Study: Operation Disruptor – Global crackdown on illicit darknet marketplaces**

Module 2: Tor Network & Anonymity Tools

- Structure and function of Tor
- Onion routing explained
- Tor hidden services
- Proxy chains and VPNs
- Limitations of anonymity
- **Case Study: FBI’s infiltration of Silk Road using Tor flaws**

Module 3: Identifying Darknet Marketplaces

- How to access darknet markets
- Vendor rating systems and escrow services
- Red flags and illicit goods
- Black market economy overview
- Marketplace takedown operations
- **Case Study: AlphaBay and Hansa operation by Europol**

Module 4: Cryptocurrency and Blockchain Forensics

- Bitcoin and Monero in illicit trade
- Wallet tracing tools (Chainalysis, CipherTrace)
- Blockchain analysis fundamentals
- Crypto tumblers and mixers
- Evidence collection from wallets
- **Case Study: Tracing Bitcoin in a ransomware investigation**

Module 5: OSINT and Threat Intelligence Gathering

- Open-source intelligence for dark web
- Monitoring threat actor communication
- Dark web scraping techniques
- Alert systems and keyword flags
- AI in dark web surveillance
- **Case Study: Threat monitoring of ransomware group REvil**

Module 6: Online Undercover Operations

- Creating and managing personas
- Tradecraft and operational security
- Engaging threat actors covertly
- Legal frameworks and entrapment laws
- Evidence preservation techniques
- **Case Study: Undercover sting to stop illegal firearm trade**

Module 7: Legal and Ethical Considerations

- Digital evidence admissibility

- Cross-border legal protocols
- Warrant and subpoena compliance
- MLATs and international cooperation
- Ethical implications of surveillance
- **Case Study: Legal complications in a global dark web investigation**

Module 8: Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking

- Identifying CSAM and trafficking rings
- Behavioral indicators of predators
- Victim support and rescue coordination
- Collaboration with NGOs
- Decryption of encrypted abuse materials
- **Case Study: Takedown of "Welcome to Video" platform**

Module 9: Cyberterrorism and Radicalization

- Dark web recruitment strategies
- Terror financing via cryptocurrencies
- Monitoring extremist forums
- Identifying radical content
- Collaboration with intelligence agencies
- **Case Study: Monitoring jihadist propaganda networks**

Module 10: Malware and Exploit Kits on Dark Web

- Common malware types sold
- Ransomware-as-a-Service (RaaS)
- Malware delivery mechanisms
- Sandbox analysis tools
- Linkage to darknet vendors
- **Case Study: Distribution of Emotet malware kits**

Module 11: Evidence Collection and Chain of Custody

- Forensic imaging of darknet evidence
- Metadata preservation
- Documenting investigative steps
- Court-admissible reporting
- Chain-of-custody templates
- **Case Study: Evidence collection from illegal crypto exchange**

Module 12: Cross-Jurisdiction Collaboration

- International task forces
- Data sharing agreements
- Legal frameworks for extradition

- Secure intelligence channels
- Reporting best practices
- **Case Study: Joint US-EU operation against darknet drug syndicate**

Module 13: Advanced Threat Profiling

- Profiling darknet actors
- Threat actor motivations and behavior
- Network link analysis
- Psychological profiling tools
- Linguistic pattern analysis
- **Case Study: Dark web gang dismantled through behavioral profiling**

Module 14: Building Agency Cyber Capabilities

- Setting up cyber units
- Training and upskilling personnel
- Budgeting and resource allocation
- Infrastructure and toolkits
- Inter-agency integration
- **Case Study: Establishing a darknet investigation division in a national police force**

Module 15: Final Assessment and Capstone Project

- Recap of key concepts
- Capstone investigation simulation
- Group project with real darknet scenario
- Presentation and peer review
- Certification exam
- **Case Study: Simulated dark web drug trafficking case resolution**

Training Methodology

- Instructor-led virtual or in-person sessions by cybersecurity and law enforcement experts
- Live demonstrations using anonymized darknet platforms
- Hands-on labs with forensic tools and OSINT platforms
- Case-based learning to analyze and resolve real-world darknet investigations
- Group discussions and role-play exercises for undercover operations
- Knowledge checks, quizzes, and final certification

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000

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