The Darker Side of Social Networking

Course Description

This course of instruction covers the essentials every law enforcement officer and member of the judiciary needs to know about Social Networking whether they use it or not. Many individuals are not aware of what a great investigative/intelligence tool it is. Information regarding investigative leads, relationships, communications, photographs, location, etc. is all available and many times is open source.

However, Social Networking has also created a number of problems for the Law Enforcement especially in matters of officer safety. Criminal organizations have been caught using officer’s avatars and social networking bios to develop their own intelligence networks. Family members have unintentionally posted photos and postings about an officer that could jeopardize their status in undercover investigations. In addition, without being properly educated many officers find themselves in violation of departmental policies or directives because of comments posted on a social networking site.

This class will introduce the attendees to the basic elements of a social network and cover the following topics:

- Social Networking - a fundamental shift in the way society communicates.
- Just how large is it and how quickly has it grown?
- What are the attributes & elements of a Social Network?
- What are some of the more popular Social Networks?
- What is Geo-tagging and how does it work?
- What can I learn from photos that are posted? What can be learned about me and my family?
- Using Social Networking data as an investigative tool.
- Authenticating the information
- Sexting, Sextortion & Cyber Bullying
- Safety Issues
Basic Pitfalls
Counter Surveillance!
How are Defense Counsels’ using the information?
How do I set security?
Other ways to protect yourself & your family!

Where do I go to learn more?

Instructor Bio

Jim Dill is a Summa Cum Laude graduate of the Indiana University of PA with a degree in Criminology. He is also a 30 year veteran of the PA Office of Attorney General with 27 year working or supervising the unit responsible for all investigative technologies. He has been an instructor for the PA State Police, the National Technical Investigator’s Assoc., MAGLOCLEN, HIDTA, PA Chiefs, The Northeast Counterdrug Training Center, and numerous other federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies. Jim now manages his own company that provides training and consulting to law enforcement & victim advocate groups nationwide.

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The Bedford County STOP Coordinating Team is happy to offer this valuable training to Law Enforcement, Prosecutor’s Offices, Victim Services, Judges, Probation, etc. This training is seven-hours long. However, Your Safe Haven will be presenting this training in two 3½ hour training sessions. The first session will be on **Friday, November 18, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Travel Lodge (Clara’s Place) across from Ed’s Steak House.** The second session will be held on **Thursday, December 1, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., at the Bedford County Courthouse, Room 101.** To receive the full 7 hours of training, you must attend both training dates. If you can only attend one training date, you will be credited 3½ hours of training.

The Municipal Police Officers’ Training Education & Training Commission (MPOETC) has approved this 7 hour training session. The PA Commission on Crime & Delinquency (PCCD) has also approved the 7 hours of training for those in Victim Services.

Registration is free. Please complete the registration form below and submit it to Your Safe Haven by Thursday, November 10, 2016. You can email registrations to: njmallow@yoursafehaven.org, or mail directly to Your Safe Haven, 220 S. Thomas St., Bedford, PA 15522

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