

# Craigslist Investigations

Investigating Criminal Behavior on the Internet's Largest Marketplace

## Course Details

Host by: New Mexico HIDTA

Location: 2450 Lakeside Drive, Bldg. A Las Cruces, NM

Dates: 09/11/2017 to 09/12/2017, 8am - 4pm

Cost: \$420.00, \$450.00 or \$475.00 (depending on registration date) Includes training manuals, access to online materials, sample data

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## Course Highlights

This course provides law enforcement personnel with the foundation and expertise to investigate any crime occurring on Craigslist. Starting with the history of Craigslist's and the evolution of the Craigslist criminal, the course then quickly and easily provides the student with an in-depth understanding of how to navigate Craigslist and identify indicators and red flags indicative of criminal activity. Students will learn how to use innovative and cutting edge methods in obtaining evidence, locating and identifying suspects and conducting online undercover operations involving prostitution, drugs, enticement of juveniles and property related crimes.

## Who Should Attend

This course is intended primarily for law enforcement investigations personnel; associated department personnel may attend: any sworn officers, support staff, administrative personnel, Supervisors and Management. Attendees need only a basic understanding of computers. No technical or analytical background is required.

## Material Requirements

Students should bring a laptop with Microsoft Access, Excel, Word and PowerPoint (version 2003 or higher). Additional materials (data sets) will be provided to students upon arrival.

## Agenda

### Day One

1. Understanding how Craigslist works - CL Basics: History, who, what and why?
2. Navigating Craigslist - From beginner to advanced
3. How to speak Craigslist - Become fluent in Craigslist speak
4. Understanding Craigslist postings - Learn how criminals post and how to find them
5. Obtaining information from Craigslist - Administrative subpoena or search warrant

### Day Two

1. Craigslist toolkit - Resources available to you at no cost
2. Criminal indicators and red flags - Proactively target criminals through subtle postings
3. Building blocks of an undercover operation - Roles, responsibilities and building your online profile
4. Undercover operations - Go undercover from a patrol car or your desk, no long hair or beard needed
5. What's next? - Identifying the next Craigslist and what to do with it



### Instructor: Mike Tosti

Mike Tosti is a nationally recognized LE instructor with over 20 years of training credentials and a 28-year law enforcement veteran. Mike is a National Lead Instructor for Police Technical LLC, instructing on innovative strategies to combat criminal activity occurring within social space. He's conducted training for attendees from Federal HIDTA Task Forces, FBI, DEA, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and countless other agencies. Mr. Tosti retired as the Investigative Bureau Commander from Santa Rosa Police Department in CA, and previously held tenure with The LAPD assigned to the prestigious OWB C.R.A.S.H. Unit, and the Special Problems Unit. He has experience as a FTO, Narcotics and Homicide Detective, Hostage Negotiator, SWAT Commander, K9 Sergeant and Motor Officer, and supervised a DEA Task Force targeting transnational drug trafficking organizations. Mike is Veteran of the United States Army and was stationed in Panmunjom, Korea, Fort Benning GA, and Fort Lewis, WA. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from California Coast University.