



Course Announcement

To: All Law Enforcement Agencies

From: John C. Moses
Director of Criminal Justice

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Re: **Cryptocurrency Investigations**
CJA117-5011
MPTC Approval #: P45785 (16 hours)

June 3 to 4, 2024

Location: Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy
Wor-Wic Community College
Hazel Center, Room 302
32000 Campus Drive
Salisbury, MD 21804

Dates & Times: Monday, June 3 0745 to 1700
Tuesday, June 4 0800 to 1700

Fee: Paid for by a grant.

Registration: Register with Northeast Counterdrug (see last page)

This course is co-host by Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy and the Northeast Counterdrug Training Center. The use of Cryptocurrency as a form of payments and investments has exploded over the past several years. Due to the decentralization that cryptocurrency offers, criminals have tapped into this market to pay for illicit activity as well as engage in money laundering methods.

There are thousands of cryptocurrencies available ranging in costs from less than a penny to \$69,000 for Bitcoin at its peak. Criminals prefer “privacy coins” like Monero or Zcash as a method to further obscure their identities.

This training course will cover the fundamentals of cryptocurrency to include how to obtain it using cryptocurrency wallets, peer to peer networks, CoinJoin multi-party services, and various other methods. Anti-money laundering laws as it relates to cryptocurrency to include when “Know your Customer” laws are applicable will be discussed in detail.

Cryptocurrencies operate on decentralized public ledgers known as blockchains. These blockchains rely on several key concepts that will be explained in detail during the course. Understanding these concepts can assist with the “de-anonymization” process to try and identify criminals.

In-depth practical exercises will take place during this course to provide participants with a first-hand experience on purchasing, sending, and receiving cryptocurrency. Investigative tools will be demonstrated to show participants methods to identify criminal activity on the block chain. Sample policies and procedures will also be discussed to properly seize and store cryptocurrency until awarded during asset forfeiture hearings.

Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Define cryptocurrency.
2. Define blockchain technologies.
3. Identify and access storage locations for cryptocurrency.
4. Identify basic skills and techniques for law enforcement officers working a cryptocurrency case.
5. Identify in narcotics investigation trends will be utilized to demonstrate patterns and methods of cryptocurrency identification and tracking techniques.

This course is designed to meet requirements as mandated by the Maryland Police Training Commission and to meet the annual in-service requirements.

Class Size: Seating limited.

Attendance: You must attend the entire course to receive in-service credit.

Dress Code:

To maintain a professional appearance, all in-service officers/staff must follow the prescribed dress code to be admitted to any training held at the Academy.

- Uniform of the day recommended.
- Shirt with a collar—**No** t-shirts or tank tops
- Docker style pants, BDU's or suit—**No** shorts or jeans
- Full shoe with socks—**No** sandals

Firearms—All officers wearing a handgun on campus in plain view MUST also wear his/her badge in plain view.

Failure to Adhere to the Dress Code

Academy attendees will be denied admittance to the classroom or range and a report will be sent to the Chief/Sheriff/Warden/Director, stating the reasons the officer/staff was not permitted to attend the training session.

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To register:

- Visit the Northeast Counterdrug Training Center's website at www.counterdrug.org
- Click on Northeast Counterdrug Training Center "Enter Site"
- Find the training that you would like to register for under Upcoming Training and select "Register"
- Log into your NCTC account (an NCTC account is required to register for training)
- Agree to the Terms and Conditions
- Click on "Register"

Or Scan QR Code:

