




Course Announcement

To: All Law Enforcement Agencies

From: John C. Moses
Director of Criminal Justice 

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Re: **Dark Web Investigations**
CJP214-5001
MPTC Approval #: P47320 / C18665 (16 hours)

August 4 to 5, 2025

Location: Wor-Wic Community College
Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy
Guerrieri Hall, Room 101
32000 Campus Drive
Salisbury, MD 21804

Dates & Times: Monday, August 4 7:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 5 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Fee: The class is funded through a grant.

Registration: <https://nctc.counterdrug.org> (see last page for step-by-step instructions)

This course is co-hosted by the Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy and Northeast Counterdrug Training Center. This course is designed for law enforcement investigators. Criminals are increasingly utilizing the Dark Web to conduct their illicit activities, ranging from narcotic trafficking, contract murders, and weapons smuggling to fraudulent scams, various child crimes, and contract hackers.

Law Enforcement Investigators should have a basic understanding of the different types of the web to include the surface web, deep web, and the dark web. This course will include detailed information on popular “marketplaces” where most criminal activity occurs.

Cryptocurrency is utilized as a method of payment on the dark web. Bitcoin, Monero, and Zcash are preferred payment types on many marketplaces. Class participants will learn the fundamentals of cryptocurrency, blockchain technology, and cryptocurrency wallets. Following the cryptocurrency trail and the utilization of “de-anonymization” can help law enforcement officials positively identify targets of their investigations. Live demonstrations on various marketplaces will be provided.

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

1. Establish covert accounts with an emphasis on operation security.
2. Identify various methods to access the dark web.

3. Learn the difference between surface web, dark web email and PGP including case debriefs that lead to PGP.
4. Identify common dark web marketplaces used for criminal activity.
5. Learn to develop dark web police and procedures.
6. Understand dark web investigations.
7. Identify advance dark web monitoring tools.
8. Utilize cryptocurrency and provide general overview.

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: Restricted size, seating is limited.

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

Dress Code Policy for Training Sessions at the Academy

To ensure a professional appearance, all in-service officers and staff must adhere to the following dress code to gain admission to any training session at the Academy:

- **Uniform of the Day:** Recommended.
- **Shirt:** Must have a collar; no t-shirts or tank tops.
- **Pants:** Docker-style pants, BDUs, or suits; no shorts or jeans.
- **Footwear:** Closed-toe shoes with socks; no sandals.

Firearms Policy: Officers carrying a handgun on campus must also display their badge in plain view.

Non-Compliance: Attendees who do not follow the dress code will be denied entry to the classroom or range. A report will be submitted to the Chief/Sheriff/Warden/Director outlining the reasons for the denial.

Attendance: To receive in-service credit, you will need to be present for the entire class.

Thank you for your cooperation in maintaining a professional environment.

To register:

- Visit the Northeast Counterdrug Training Center's website www.counterdrug.org
- Click on the 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 Terms and Conditions
- Click on "Register"