



Stopping Online Child Predators

Undercover Investigations & Strategies for Prosecution

Hosted by: Southwest Virginia Criminal Justice Training Academy

Location: Southwest Virginia Criminal Justice Training Academy

1595 Bonham Road, Bristol, VA 24201

Date: September 21-22, 2026

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

About the Course

With the rapid growth of social media use among youth, online predators are increasingly targeting underage victims for sexual exploitation. Law enforcement must take a proactive role in combating these predators. This course equips law enforcement officers with the tools and strategies needed to conduct effective undercover online chatting and sting operations.

Participants will learn how to create undercover personas, navigate current chat applications and lingo, and execute successful sting operations. These topics are covered through a slide presentation, lecture, discussion and practical application. Students will leave prepared to implement these techniques with their own agencies.

Topics Include

- Phones, Websites and Emulators
- Setting Up Your Sting Operation
- House OP vs Car Dates
- Personnel and Assignments
- Interviewing Your Suspect
- Search Warrants and Report Writing
- Training Decoys
- Sting Operation Preparation
- UC Images for Chatting
- Creating Your UC Persona
- Creating Your Backstory
- Creating UC Profiles on Apps
- Chatting Techniques
- Legal Issues and Entrapment

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Registration Fee: \$395 per person