



SOCIAL MEDIA & DRUG INVESTIGATIONS

September 28 & 29, 2017

Training Location

Cedar Park Police Department
911 Quest Pkwy
Cedar Park, Texas 78613

TOPICS COVERED

- Intro to Social Networking & Media
- Psychology of social networking users
- Criminals & social media
- Using YouTube to your advantage
- Active social media investigations techniques
- Setting up & maintaining covert undercover accounts

HOTEL

SpringHill Suites by Marriott
1110 Discovery Blvd
Cedar Park, Texas 78613
512-260-1200

The Texas Narcotic Officers' Association – Central Region will host a 16-hour (2-day) training course entitled “**SOCIAL MEDIA & DRUG INVESTIGATIONS**” provided by the Regional Counterdrug Training Academy in Cedar Park, Texas. Registration is open through RCTA and TCOLE hours will be given.

Check in will begin at 0715 hours on both days and the course will start promptly at 0800 hours on Thursday, September 28, 2017, at the Cedar Park Police Department.

Course Overview

In many areas, police departments have begun using Social Media to aid in investigations into suspected drug dealers. Any case involving possible drug use can mean searching for photographs and posts across platforms that would indicate potential and support drug use.

These types of investigations include searching and setting up alerts for specific terms relating to drug use. In some cases, a sting can be set up to see if the individual is dealing drugs or affiliated with a dealer.

This course will train officers to investigate illegal activity conducted on the internet through the use of social media such as Facebook, MySpace, Craigslist, Backpage and more.

This two day course consists of techniques to train officers to gather information and valuable intelligence on gang members and drug suspects through the internet.


Tuition


This is a tuition **FREE** course and is open to all law enforcement officers and U.S. Military. To register you must have an agency point of contact register your agency with RCTA prior to individuals registering for the course. *Please follow the below steps to register your agency's Point of Contact. Contact Sgt. Davis at RCTA to determine if your agency already has a Point of Contact.*

Any questions regarding this course or registration should be directed to Sgt. Davis (RCTA) at 601-696-8899 or DEA Special Agent Arthur Hitchins at 713-693-3699 or Arthur.M.Hitchins@usdoj.gov and TNOA State Training Officer Jerry McClain at 281-808-5929 or jmccclain@houstonhidta.net




ALL AGENCIES MUST REGISTER FOR A NEW USERNAME AND PASSWORD. Even if you have had an account before.


 **1.** If no agency point-of-contact has already been established with the RCTA or a change needs to be made, fax a memo on your **agency letterhead** appointing you (or someone) as your agency poc, **signed by the Chief, Sheriff, Commander or someone of equal authority.**


 **2.** It must include the following:

- point-of-contact's first name/last name**
- rank**
- agency address**
- agency phone number**
- fax number**
- cell or pgr number**
- *e-mail address**

***Make sure to include your email address so that we can send you a link to register your agency online.**

 **3.** Please fax to the registration section at 601-679-2006 or you may scan and email the memo to krys@rcta.org.

 **4.** After the fax of scanned memo is completed, you will receive a return e-mail which will include a link to our Online Agency Registration form.

 **5.** After completing the online form you will receive an e-mail containing your new USERNAME and PASSWORD.

NOTE: ** Please ensure ALL requested information is included in the body of the memo because information faxed in the letterhead is sometimes unreadable or incomplete. If the memo is being faxed in order to make a change, please list who the new POC is replacing.

*If you have any questions or problems you may contact Krystyna Davis at:

krys@rcta.org

601.696.8899

TOLL FREE: 1-877-575-1435