

## CRAIGSLIST INVESTIGATIONS™ Spokane County Sheriff's Office Spokane Valley, WA

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### Course Overview

Craigslist's has replaced traditional media (newspapers and magazines) and many online sources (chat rooms) as a primary online source for classifieds, jobs and sales...and for criminal activity. Law enforcement personnel must become adept in investigating crimes related to Craigslist activities. 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. Case examples as well as learning by doing activities will be utilized throughout the course.

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. A laptop computer is required to afford the student with an optimum learning experience.

#### Day One:

##### **Understanding how Craigslist works**

CL Basics: History, who, what and why?

##### **Navigating Craigslist**

From beginner to advanced

##### **How to speak Craigslist**

Become fluent in Craigslist speak

##### **Understanding Craigslist postings**

Learn how criminals post and how to find them

##### **Obtaining information from Craigslist**

Administrative subpoena or search warrant

#### Day Two:

##### **Craigslist toolkit**

Resources available to you at no cost

##### **Criminal indicators and red flags**

Proactively target criminals through subtle postings

##### **Building blocks of an undercover operation**

Roles, responsibilities and building your online profile

##### **Undercover operations**

Go undercover from a patrol car or your desk, no long hair or beard needed

##### **What's next?**

Identifying the next Craigslist and what to do with it



## MIKE TOSTI

Sergeant Mike Tosti is a 25-year law enforcement veteran who began his career with the LAPD in 1987. Mike currently works for the Santa Rosa Police Department in Northern CA. Mike is assigned to a DEA Task Force where he supervises a team of local, state and federal law enforcement officers. Mike has devoted 10 years of his career to working in an undercover capacity and participating in hundreds of online investigations proactively targeting, surveilling and apprehending criminals engaged in a wide variety of criminal acts. Mike is an Army veteran, holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from California Coast University and lives with his wife and two children in the beautiful Sonoma County wine country.

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