



Leveraging Technology in Civil Rights Investigations Workshop Agenda

Description:

Leveraging Technology in Civil Rights Investigations explores how investigators can use technology to more effectively gather, review, manage, and document digital evidence. As civil rights investigations increasingly involve text messages, social media posts, recordings, and other digital materials, Investigators must understand both the opportunities and challenges technology presents. This training will cover practical tools and strategies for evidence collection, working with available IT resources, authenticating digital evidence, and managing large volumes of information. Participants will also discuss considerations related to artificial intelligence, sensitive digital evidence, accessibility in investigations, and secure communication throughout the investigation process.

Learning Outcomes:

After completing this workshop, participants will be able to:

1. Identify ways technology can support civil rights investigations, including tools for gathering and organizing digital evidence.
2. Recognize key considerations when managing digital evidence, including sensitive materials and recordings.
3. Describe basic methods for reviewing and authenticating digital evidence, such as metadata and reverse image searches.
4. Apply strategies for managing and organizing large amounts of digital evidence.
5. Incorporate secure communication and accessibility tools to support effective and equitable investigative processes.

Workshop Topics

Investigating in the Digital Age

- Electronic Evidence
- Open-Source Investigations
- Technology in Civil Rights Investigations
- Role of Artificial Intelligence in Civil Rights Investigations
- Managing AI-Written Materials

- Administrative Process Limitations

Leveraging Technology During Evidence Gathering

- Understanding Metadata
- Risks to Metadata Accuracy
- Technology Interview Questions

Introduction to Investigation Tools

- Example Tools for Digital Footprint Mapping
- Example Tools for Detecting Altered Material
- Example Tools for Deciphering Digital Slang
- Accessing Digital Evidence
- Example Recording and Transcription Tools
- Internal Information Technology Resources

Managing Sensitive Evidence

- Sensitive Information
- Child Sexual Abuse Materials
- CSAM Evidence

Preserving Digital Evidence

- Types of Evidence
- Evidence Authentication
- Open-Source Evidence Preservation
- Evidence Log
- Tips for Evidence File Sharing

Other Considerations

Note: Workshops do not include a standard break. Participants are welcome to eat and/or drink during the workshop and step away for other needs as necessary. Workshop start and end times for in-person events are determined by the host site. All virtual workshops take place from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM ET unless otherwise specified.