MOBILE TEAM TRAINING UNIT IV

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STOPPING ONLINE CHILD PREDATORS- UNDERCOVER ONLINE CHAT OPERATIONS

(Tools for Undercover Online Chatting and Online Predator Sting Operations)

With the ever-growing number of kids using social media apps to chat with family and friends, there has been a jump in the number of online predators contacting underage victims for the purpose of sexual exploitation. Due to the growing number of victims being contacted by online predators, there has been a higher demand for law enforcement to take a proactive role in combating these online predators. More and more law enforcement agencies have been exploring undercover online chatting and sting operations, but the logistics can be daunting. With this class, the students will build an undercover chat persona, become familiar with current chat apps use for sting operations, become familiar with chat lingo, learn how to set up an undercover sting operation, and become familiar with the "house vs car date" sting operations methods, as well as other topics.

Topics covered: Sting Operation Preparation; UC Images for Chatting; Creating Your UC Persona; Creating Your Backstory; Creating UC Profiles on Apps; Chatting Techniques; Legal Issue and Entrapment; The Best Apps for UC Chatting; Training Decoys; 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; Self Help During/After SEM Investigations.

DATE: March 25-26, 2027 **REGISTRATION ENDS: March 11, 2027**

TIME: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM

LOCATION: MTTU IV @ Black Hawk College 6600 34th Avenue, Building 2, Room 126, Moline, IL 61265

Instructors: Detective Walt Landvatter (Ret.)—Calibre Press

Maximum Enrollment: 30

Cost: MTTU IV MEMBERS: $ 0.00 - NON MTTU IV MEMBERS: $ 0.00

MTTU IV Members are given priority registration status.

Visit www.mttuiv.org to register. Registrations are only accepted from department training officers

Per Board approval, this Class Meets the following Mandatory Training Key Guidelines.

Civil Rights (1 hour), Constitutional and proper use of law enforcement authority (4.5 hours), Human Rights (2 hours); Legal Updates (2 hours), Officer Wellness and Mental Health (1 hour), Procedural Justice (1 hour), Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect (2 hours) and Officer Safety Techniques (1.5 hours)

Mobile Team Training Unit IV has received certification for this course with the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board