Stopping Online Child Predators

From Undercover Investigations to Proven Strategies for Successful Prosecution

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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. Because of this, 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.

Stopping Online Child Predators is designed to offer law enforcement officers tools to develop an effective response to cyber-enticement. Instructed by a current ICAC Task Force Member, this course begins by educating students in the current standards for investigating crimes committed against children over the internet. You will learn to build an undercover chat persona, get familiar with the current chat apps used for sting operations and become experts in online chat terms and lingo. Finally, learn how to successfully set up undercover operations, including "house vs car date" sting methods, along with many other strategies.

Bring your undercover laptop and phone to this class! You will go hands-on to create an undercover identity, open an email account, download an emulator and enter social media apps to start engaging predators.

Course topics will include but not be limited to:

➢ The Best Apps for UC Chatting
➢ 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

➢ Best Practices
➢ 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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