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CYBER-BULLYING/SEXTING INVESTIGATIONS AND VAPING WITH APPROPRIATE CONSEQUENCES

Date: January 4-5, 2027 Registration Deadline: December 15, 2026

Times: 0800-1600 hours

Location: NITAB
527 Colman Center Drive
Rockford, IL

Instructor: Rich Wistocki – BeSure Consulting

Member Fee: $0 Non-MTU Member & Member Non-Sworn Fee: $150

This course has been approved by ILETSB for the following mandates:

Civil Rights – 2.0
Constitutional Use of LE Authority – 4.0
Human Rights – 1.0
Legal Updates – 4.0
Procedural Justice – 1.0
Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect - .50
Lead Homicide Investigator – 16.0
School Resource Officer - Juvenile Law – 6.0
School Resource Officer – Officer and Youth Interaction – 3.0

All attending will need the following:

Computer with internet connection
(ensure computer is turned on early in case it requires updates)

Be able to access your WORK email remotely from your computer

(NO IPADS OR CHROMEBOOKS)

Partial funding provided by Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board
This is not a Public Meeting

Be able to download Snagit on a free trial –
https://www.techsmith.com/download/snagit/

Be able to download the Search.org Investigative toolbar –
https://www.search.org/resources/search-investigative-and-forensic-toolbar/

INSTRUCTIONAL GOAL:

The pandemic of Cyber-Bullying, Vaping and Sexting in our schools is at an all-time high. With the advent of depression and suicidal tendencies as a result, first responders in our schools and police department must be trained to handle these situations with great sensitivity. The goal MUST be to make the criminal activity cease and restore peace with that student and correct the behavior of the perpetrator. There are times when a student presents an incident of Cyber-Bullying or Sextortion to the school administrator as the secondary and/or the re-victimization of that student. The reason LEO's and School Officials continue to "brush off" the student is due to lack of training and understanding of Social Media and Internet Investigations.

The goal of this training is to empower he student and their parents to gather digital evidence against the aggressor so school administrators and law enforcement may find out who the perpetrator is and make the activity stop so that the victim feels safe. The LEO and School Administrator will learn the fundamentals of investigating social media and internet crimes. In an effort to find out who the suspect is and then be able to bestow on the perpetrator, consequences through restorative justice practices and education.

INSTRUCTIONAL OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of the training exercises, participants will:

- Obtain basic overview of various social networks and what information they possess
- Understand the research of the Thorn Sextortion Study and how it affects our students
- Learn about online investigative tools that are free and open source in their use
- Know items of evidence needed to successfully identify suspects who Cyber-Bully and are Sexting
- Discuss the three-step process in investigating internet crimes
- Discuss the importance of Preservation, Subpoena, and Search Warrants if needed
- Understand how to obtain IP's, screen names, screen captures, email headers, and statements for the investigation

- Discuss the laws in the state in reference: Harassment through Electronic Communication, Sexting, Indecent Solicitation of a Child, Sexual Exploitation of a Child and Child Pornography
- Overview of computer and cell phone forensics and when it is appropriate to seize these items form a victim or suspect to be analyzed
- Once the suspect is identified, the importance of the interview with the Parents and Students together
- We will affect a Diversion protocol and use the online program of JuvenileJusticeOnline.org
- Learn the appropriate consequences for these crimes in order to effect behavior modification through properties of Restorative Justice and Education