



## STOPPING ONLINE CHILD PREDATORS

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### *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 on-line predators contacting underage victims for the purpose of sexual exploitation. Due to the growing number of victims being contacted by on-line predators, there has been a higher demand for law enforcement to take a proactive role in combating these on-line predators. More and more law enforcement agencies have been exploring undercover on-line chatting and sting operations, but the logistics can be daunting. With this class, the students will become familiar with the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) standards, build an undercover chat persona, become familiar with current chat apps used for sting operations, become familiar with chat lingo, learn how to set up an undercover sting operation, and become familiar with the "house vs card date" sting operation methods, as well as other topics.

**This newly extended and intensive two-day training program** is presented using power-point presentation, lecture, discussion, and practical application. The class is designed to educate and teach the students, to return to their law enforcement agencies and give them the tools and knowledge to conduct successful undercover online sting operations.

#### Topics we'll cover include:

- **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**
- **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**
- **Self Help During/After SEM Investigations**