

# DARK WEB: A Hands-On Course for Investigators

**Criminals conducted at least \$24 billion in illegal crypto transfers in 2023 alone.**

While many users are increasingly familiar with online activity, including social media, only a small percentage have ventured onto the Dark Web. This course is meant for novices and experienced web collectors alike, with three main objectives: accessing the Dark Web safely and securely, understanding the structure and resources on the Dark Web, and effectively collecting information and intelligence from the Dark Web for use in any kind of investigation, including creating a chain of custody for evidence and how to write a warrant for seizing cryptocurrency assets from popular crypto sites and exchanges.

**\*Lap tops and chargers are required for this course. Participants are encouraged to bring current leads from open or cold investigations to use during class. This class has led to the identification of money launderers, shooting suspects, other**

**At the end of this course, you will be able to:**

- Download free software and set up a computer for Dark Web investigations
- Understand the structure of the Dark Web
- Identify Dark Web addresses in investigations
- Identify Dark Web apps on phones and computers
- Access/collect info from the Dark Web activity from Clear Web resources
- Understand how Dark Web community's function
- Create secure and anonymous Dark Web profiles including email, social media profiles, pictures, and job history
- Effectively Search on the Dark Web
- Check Dark Web resources for criminal activity
- Check Dark Web resources for credit cards and financial information
- Check Dark Web resources for data breaches and company leaks
- Identify cryptocurrency accounts and all of their transactions
- Write warrants to seize cryptocurrency accounts from sites and exchanges
- Pivot from Dark Web metadata such as usernames and use it to find identifying information on the Clear Web



**DATE:** April 10th -11th, 2025

**TIME:** 8:00am – 4:00pm

**LOCATION:** Cowley College 2208 S William Dr, Wellington, KS 67152

**COST:** \$350.00 (credit cards only as payment)

**REGISTRATION:** <https://homefrontprotect.com/DarkWeb041025>

## INSTRUCTOR

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