

IF PATROL MISSES IT, IT MAY NEVER BE RECOVERED.



**CLEARPATH
DIGITAL**

RECOGNIZING DIGITAL EVIDENCE FOR PATROL OFFICERS

What officers need to know
before evidence is lost



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Patrol officers are often the first and only chance to identify digital evidence at a scene. This course focuses on real-world decisions, what to recognize, what to seize, and how to avoid mistakes that compromise investigations.

COURSE CONTENT

- ✓ Identify digital evidence on-scene
- ✓ Phones, vehicles, cloud, hidden storage
- ✓ What to seize vs. what to leave
- ✓ Common evidence-handling mistakes
- ✓ Evidence handling best practices
- ✓ 4-hour (half-day) course
- ✓ Built for patrol / first responders
- ✓ No prior DF experience needed
- ✓ On-site or hosted training



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Course Description

Patrol officers are often the first on scene and the only opportunity to identify and preserve digital evidence. Decisions made early in an investigation directly impact what evidence is preserved, lost, or later admissible in court.

This course provides practical, real-world guidance on recognizing digital evidence, making informed seizure decisions, and avoiding common mistakes that can compromise an investigation. Students will leave with a greater appreciation for the role digital devices play in modern investigations and a clear understanding of best practices for handling them.

Course Objectives

- identify common sources of digital evidence encountered during patrol operations
- Recognize digital evidence across devices, vehicles, cloud platforms and hidden storage
- Make informed decisions on what to seize vs. what to document
- Apply proper handling and preservation techniques for digital devices
- Understand basic legal considerations related to search and seizure of digital evidence
- Clearly articulate digital evidence in reports and affidavits

Course Format

- Half-day (4-hour training)
- Designed for patrol officers, with applicability to probation and parole and other investigative personnel
- Available on-site or as a hosted regional training

About Your Instructor - Stephen Craig

Stephen Craig has over 20 years of experience in public safety, including extensive work in law enforcement and digital forensics. He currently operates a digital forensics lab that supports multiple law enforcement agencies and has been qualified as an expert in digital forensics in court.

He is a member of the United States Secret Service Cyber Fraud Task Force and has experience conducting forensic examinations, supporting investigations, and providing courtroom testimony. His training focuses on practical application and real-world investigative needs.

INTRODUCTORY AGENCY RATE - \$800