

CWFIA 48th Annual Training Conference

Course Descriptions

COURSE TITLE	COURSE DESCRIPTION	COURSE INSTRUCTOR
Fraud 101: Eligibility Basics for Investigators	This course will cover Eligibility Rules & Regulations currently in effect, as well as those that can assist welfare fraud investigators and their cases of investigation. It will provide direction in how the rules and regulations effect investigations and what elements must be present in order for investigators to be successful in Early and Ongoing Fraud Investigations.	S. Renee Haga Social Services Supervisor Fresno County
Fraud 102: Search Warrants & Evidence Collection	This course is to familiarize both the civilian and sworn personnel with the evidence needed to prosecute and win welfare fraud cases. The course will familiarize the attendees with the basics of search warrant preparation and practice, as well as providing samples of search warrants used in actual cases to search homes, businesses, social media, video surveillance, and financial institutions.	John Pezone Deputy District Attorney Sacramento County
Fraud 103: Prepping a Case for Prosecution	This course will instruct on compiling documents, witnesses and other evidence specifically for use by the District Attorney in prosecuting criminal welfare fraud cases (including Preliminary Hearing and Jury Trial). Understanding the Means and Standards of Proof in court hearings. Emphasis on identifying, obtaining and organizing admissible evidence for use in court. The most common types of welfare fraud cases will be explored, including unreported earnings/assets, absent parent/absent child, and residency.	William "Chris" Staiger Deputy District Attorney Kern County

<p>Case Study – San Bernardino Shooting</p>	<p>This case study will provide an overview of the San Bernardino mass shooting incident, including suspect profiles, investigations, and attack timeline. Also discussed will be what the first responders encountered upon their arrival on scene. Lieutenant Michael Madden will talk about lessons that have been learned during this incident.</p>	<p>Lt. Michael Madden San Bernardino County Police Department</p>
<p>TRaCE – Taking Down the Underground Economy</p>	<p>The Tax Recovery and Criminal Enforcement (TRaCE) Task Force joins existing state and federal resources to collaboratively combat illegal business activities that rob California of public funds and its citizens of public services, by investigating, prosecuting and recovering revenues lost to the underground economy. The mission of the TRaCE Task Force is to combat organized elements of the underground economy and other economic crimes resulting in the evasion of business, payroll and/or income taxes.</p>	<p>Susan Gorsuch Task Force Commander, CA DOJ Gina Fong LE Liaison, CA Dept of Tax & Fee Administration</p>
<p>Social Media Investigations</p>	<p>Open Source Intelligence (OSINT) methodology represents a skill-set and way of thinking that changes many investigators' understanding of how to use the internet for investigation and enforcement. A welfare fraud investigator should be able to accurately identify the risks of an online investigation and apply tools to mitigate those risks. Exploring techniques to view websites with anonymity is a good start to securing an internet investigation. Investigators will learn the value of web browser hygiene and safer alternatives to proxy servers.</p>	<p>Kirby Plessas President & CEO Plessas Experts Network, Inc.</p>

<p>Increasing Your Safety Through Situational Awareness</p>	<p>In this course, we will discuss three areas related to maintaining your safety: Increasing and maintaining situational awareness, the decision-making process using the OODA loop, and basic field safety techniques and tactics. Field safety and making the correct tactical decision is a perishable skill in our field. This class will revisit the basics and provide you with ideas on how to actively increase your awareness to the ever-changing environment we encounter in law enforcement.</p>	<p>John Martire Chief Investigator County of Mendocino HHS/SIU</p>
<p>EDD</p>	<p>This course will discuss what EDD is and what they do, how agencies can work together, how to make requests to EDD, what the EDD Investigative Division is and the types of investigations they handle, plus information on the types of prosecutions EDD files. This session will conclude with a question and answer period.</p>	<p>Frank Waldschmitt</p>

<p>Forensic Accounting</p>	<p>This course will cover the development and prosecution of financial investigations, to include the use of accounting skills to investigate fraud or embezzlement and to analyze financial information for use in legal proceedings. Also discussed, will be subpoenas or warrants for signature cards, account opening documents, wire transfer details, debit and credit items, safety deposit box records, loan records, etc.</p>	<p>Robbie Henwood Special Agent Sacramento Office IRS</p>
<p>Innovative Data Analytics Strategies for Welfare Fraud Detection</p>	<p>During this course, participants will learn about innovative data sources and analytic techniques available to combat fraud, waste, and abuse in public benefit programs. The instructor will also present case studies utilizing these approaches.</p>	<p>Amanda Huston Senior VP Pondera Solutions</p>
<p>Health Care Fraud & Welfare Fraud, What Do They Have in Common</p>	<p>This course will show the attendees how health care fraud and welfare fraud have many common indicators. It will focus on the many facets of Medi-Cal (California Medicaid) fraud and how these different fraud schemes are interwoven with welfare fraud and how working joint cases can be beneficial for all involved agencies.</p>	<p>Laura Wilbur Chief of Investigations Department of Health Care Services</p>

<p>Operation Absent Parent</p>	<p>The Riverside County DPSS Inspections Branch, Early Fraud Detection will provide an overview of their Absent Parent Fraud Prevention Program. Operation Absent Parent is a fraud prevention operation conducted on applicants of CalWORKs with the deprivation of absent parent. During this training, instruction will include operation steps, research techniques, and its processes. Results of this operation will be shared.</p>	<p>Laura Perez Admin Services Supervisor Riverside County DPSS</p> <p>Douglas Montoya Senior Investigative Technician Riverside County DPSS</p>
<p>Client Focused EBT Trafficking</p>	<p>This course will discuss Food Stamp Trafficking, to include laws pertaining to welfare fraud and food stamp trafficking, motivation for these crimes, case reviews, working with the Feds and "how to and who to contact," plus obtaining search warrants on these cases and reports.</p>	<p>Matthew Monterosso Criminal Investigator Sacramento County DHA</p> <p>Daniel Burke Criminal Investigator Sacramento County DHA</p>
<p>CWFIA/Chief's & Supervisor's Roundtable</p> <p><i>(There are no POST credits for these roundtable meetings)</i></p>	<p>This session is an opportunity for any county Fraud Unit, Special Investigation Unit, DA Fraud Unit and other Program Integrity Unit Chiefs, Supervisors and Managers to come together to discuss issues of interest and/or concerns that are taking place in their county which they wish to share. (The 10:15 session is for CWFIA & County attendees. The 3:30 session will include CDSS)</p>	<p>Guy Christian CWFIA President</p> <p>John Martire Chief Investigator County of Mendocino HHS</p>

<p>Social Media & Civil Liability for WFIs</p>	<p>This course covers potential individual and agency civil liability relating to social media, e-mail and other forms of electronic communication, as well as computer data use and storage. Also discussed will be public employee privacy rights, the risks of public agency social media pages, and new cases affecting the use and disclosure of electronic communications. The course presents the applicable legal principles, common defenses against litigation, and agency best practices for risk management in the electronic age.</p>	<p>Christopher Miller Attorney Law Offices of Christopher W Miller</p>
<p>Preventing & Investigating Internal Fraud</p>	<p>This course will identify the differences between internal and participant fraud, discuss the impacts of internal fraud, provide structural ways to prevent internal fraud by creating and reviewing reports that can help to detect internal fraud and then utilizing specific reports to conduct internal fraud investigations. The class will be interactive and will involve class discussion of actual case scenarios.</p>	<p>Randy Fedak Chief Investigator Santa Cruz County HSD</p>
<p>DA Roundtable</p> <p><i>(no POST credits for this roundtable discussion)</i></p>	<p>This session is an opportunity for prosecutors (and interested Investigators) to get together and discuss issues that are of importance and/or concern in their counties in the prosecution of welfare fraud cases with changing dynamics of the California application process.</p>	<p>Chris Staiger Deputy DA Kern County</p> <p>Guy Christian CWFIA President</p>

<p>Dark Web & Virtual Currencies</p>	<p>This course will discuss how those engaged in welfare fraud are also typically engaged in other fraud related crimes. Additionally, there will be instruction on what “The Dark Web” and “Virtual Currencies” are, and how they are being used. This presentation will show how it is becoming ever more common to see the dark web and cryptocurrencies being used to facilitate those crimes.</p>	<p>Sean Smith Detective Sacramento Sheriff’s Dept.</p>
<p>Using Technology and Telecommunications in Welfare Fraud Cases</p>	<p>This course is designed for welfare fraud investigators, providing resources as well as case examples of how to use cellular phone records, Google records, Facebook records, Cellebrite location records and other telecommunications records to corroborate investigative findings and provide insight as to a person's whereabouts during ongoing fraud cases and early fraud detection cases.</p>	<p>Daniel Garbutt Criminal Investigator Sacramento County DA's Office</p>
<p>HUD, the OIG, & Welfare Fraud</p>	<p>This course will provide a brief overview of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development - Office of Inspector General (HUD-OIG), and its roles in combating fraud, waste, and abuse of HUD programs. This course will specifically examine the HUD-OIG's commitment and resources to assist local law enforcement and prosecuting agencies in combating housing and welfare fraud.</p>	<p>James Luu Asst. Special Agent in Charge U.S. Dept of HUD – OIG</p> <p>Richard Salom Special Agent U.S. Dept of HUD – OIG</p>