

APPENDIX – HUMAN TRAFFICKING INVESTIGATION COURSE DESCRIPTION

Human trafficking is a complex crime that can often go undetected as it can be embedded in a multitude of calls for service, and due to its clandestine nature and reluctance of survivors to come forward to report such crimes. Human trafficking is a global issue affecting all parts of the world. Human trafficking has been occurring in Canada for decades; however, prevalence rates are growing as awareness, education and detection methods increase. It can be a local or multijurisdictional crime that requires both proactive and reactive initiatives. In order to effectively investigate human trafficking cases, law enforcement requires the skills, knowledge and abilities to recognize indicators of human trafficking, respond appropriately, and to manage survivors. Human trafficking cases are unique as survivors can be greatly impacted by the victimization and trauma they have been exposed to, thus making survivor management an extremely labour-intensive process.

Participants will learn about human trafficking (sexual exploitation and forced labour), both domestic and international, and study the different human trafficking investigative elements with an emphasis on survivors, and how to effectively work with them within the investigative context. They will have the opportunity to practice interviewing techniques and learn from case studies in small groups. In addition, participants will have the unique opportunity to hear the testimony of a survivor of human trafficking.

Topics:

- Introduction to Human Trafficking
- Human Trafficking and Related Legislation
- Trauma Informed Survivor Interviewing
- Evidence Collection – Open Source and Software
- Proactive Investigations
- Search – Law
- Bail Hearings – Human Trafficking
- Forced Labour
- Survivor Witness Management / Professional Practice
- Case Planning and Expert Testimony

Pre-Requisites:

- Candidates must have completed the Ontario Police College (OPC) General Investigative Training course or equivalent.

Course Date/ Location:

January 22 – 26, 2018; OPC

Class Size:

24 Participants