

Awareness Training CD Helps Senior Law Enforcement Managers Cope with Cybercrime

RICHMOND, VA - August 16, 2001 - The National Cybercrime Training Partnership (NCTP), a leader in the nation's law enforcement cybercrime training initiative, announced the availability of "Computer Crimes on Your Doorstep," a CD-training course created to help law enforcement managers and investigators, as well as the entire criminal justice system, quantify and better respond to cybercrime.

"Law enforcement professionals across the U.S. have voiced their concern regarding adequate training and resources to be effective in apprehending and prosecuting criminals who use the Internet to facilitate their crimes," said Richard Ward, Acting Director, U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance. State and local police have tasked the NCTP to help them meet this critical challenge.

The CD was developed as tool to guide public officials toward an understanding of cybercrime and its potentially devastating effect on consumers and businesses. The courseware includes presentations geared to:

- Law enforcement managers – helping them recognize the growing involvement of computers in all crime, covering new training needs on locating and handling electronic evidence, and offering assistance in soliciting support from local legislators and funding authorities to address computer crime;
- Criminal justice professionals – outlining Fourth Amendment issues raised by electronic evidence and situations that the new technology introduces to the courtroom;
- Community outreach – assisting local police in educating the public to help reduce the potential for victimization.

The NCTP is dedicated to providing federal, state, and local law enforcement professionals with high-quality, cost-effective training solutions. The NCTP offers computer-based, video, and Internet training products covering topics like investigating electronic crime scenes and preserving digital evidence.

To date, the NCTP has issued 9,921 awareness training CDs to enforcement agencies across the nation. The "Computer Crimes on Your Doorstep" CD and related computer crime detection, investigation, and forensic training courses are offered by the NCTP to state and local law enforcement agencies at no cost.

About the National Cybercrime Training Partnership (NCTP)

Developed by the U.S. Department of Justice and managed by the National White Collar Crime Center, the NCTP provides guidance and assistance to local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies in an effort to ensure that the law enforcement community is properly trained to address electronic and high technology crime. More information on the NCTP and its initiatives is available on-line at www.nctp.org