Course Announcement

To:	All Law Enforcement Agencies
From:	John C. Moses Director of Criminal Justice
Date:	April 3, 2025
Re:	**Cryptocurrency Investigations** CJA117-5002 MPTC Approval #: Pending (16 hours)

July 14 to 15, 2025

Location:	Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy Wor-Wic Community College Guerrieri Hall, Room 101 32000 Campus Drive Salisbury, MD 21804
Dates & Times:	Monday, July 14 0745 to 1700 Tuesday, July 15 0800 to 1700
Fee:	The class is funded through a grant.
Registration:	Register with Northeast Counterdrug (see last page)

This course is co-host by Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy and the Northeast Counterdrug Training Center. The use of Cryptocurrency as a form of payments and investments has exploded over the past several years. Due to the decentralization that cryptocurrency offers, criminals have tapped into this market to pay for illicit activity as well as engage in money laundering methods.

There are thousands of cryptocurrencies available ranging in costs from less than a penny to $69,000 for Bitcoin at its peak. Criminals prefer "privacy coins" like Monero or Zcash as a method to further obscure their identifies.

This training course will cover the fundamentals of cryptocurrency to include how to obtain it using cryptocurrency wallets, peer to peer networks, CoinJoin multi-party services, and various other methods. Anti-money laundering laws as it relates to cryptocurrency to include when "Know your Customer" laws are applicable will be discussed in detail.

Cryptocurrencies operate on decentralized public ledgers known as blockchains. These blockchains rely on several key concepts that will be explained in detail during the course. Understanding these concepts can assistance with the "de-anonymization" process to try and identify criminals.

In-depth practical exercises will take place during this course to provide participants with a first-hand experience on purchasing, sending, and receiving cryptocurrency. Investigative tools will be demonstrated to show participants methods to identify criminal activity on the block chain. Sample policies and procedures will also be discussed to properly seize and store cryptocurrency until awarded during asset forfeiture hearings.

Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to:
1. Define cryptocurrency.
2. Define blockchain technologies.
3. Identify and access storage locations for cryptocurrency.
4. Identify basic skills and techniques for law enforcement officers working a cryptocurrency case.
5. Identify in narcotics investigation trends will be utilized to demonstrate patterns and methods of cryptocurrency identification and tracking techniques.

This course is designed to meet requirements as mandated by the Maryland Police Training Commission and to meet the annual in-service requirements.

Class Size: Restricted size, seating is limited.
Attendance: You must attend the entire class to receive in-service credit.

Dress Code Policy for Training Sessions at the Academy

To ensure a professional appearance, all in-service officers and staff must adhere to the following dress code to gain admission to any training session at the Academy:

- **Uniform of the Day**: Recommended.

- **Shirt**: Must have a collar; no t-shirts or tank tops.

- **Pants**: Docker-style pants, BDUs, or suits; no shorts or jeans.

- **Footwear**: Closed-toe shoes with socks; no sandals.

Firearms Policy: Officers carrying a handgun on campus must also display their badge in plain view.

Non-Compliance: Attendees who do not follow the dress code will be denied entry to the classroom or range. A report will be submitted to the Chief/Sheriff/Warden/Director outlining the reasons for the denial.

Attendance: To receive in-service credit, you'll need to be present for the entire class.

Thank you for your cooperation in maintaining a professional environment.

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Reservation Section

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To register:

- Visit the Northeast Counterdrug Training Center's website at www.counterdrug.org
- Click on Northeast Counterdrug Training Center "Enter Site"
- Find the training that you would like to register for under Upcoming Training and select "Register"
- Log into your NCTC account (an NCTC account is required to register for training)
- Agree to the Terms and Conditions
- Click on "Register"