

GRANT-FUNDED CLASSROOM-BASED TRAINING

Artificial Intelligence Essentials Empowering Police & Corrections with Next Generation AI Tools

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Steve Owens is a retired Lancaster City Police investigator and nationally recognized instructor with more than 25 years of law enforcement experience. He specializes in electronic surveillance, digital investigations, social media intelligence, and the practical application of artificial intelligence for law enforcement. Throughout his career, Steve developed innovative technology-driven investigative programs, served on FBI and U.S. Marshals task forces, and was recognized as an expert in electronic surveillance and digital evidence. Today, he teaches officers how to responsibly leverage AI to enhance investigations, intelligence gathering, report writing, open-source research, and operational efficiency while emphasizing legal compliance, ethics, data security, and officer judgment. Steve continues to provide expert consulting and training to law enforcement agencies nationwide as a lead instructor with Homefront Protective Group.

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August 4-5, 2026

8:00am – 4:00pm

Idaho POST Academy, 700 S. Stratford Drive, Meridian, ID

Course Objectives:

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The following topics will be presented.

- **Intelligence Gathering & Research, Generating Investigative Leads**
- **Use AI for drafting, brainstorming, and summarizing.**
- **Data Analysis & Visualization**
- **Analyzing Historical Crime Data to Predict Hot Spots**
- **Writing Code in ChatGPT to Query Databases, Scrape Websites and Analyze Social Media Posts**
- **How AI can Simplify the explanation of technical topics like databases, encryption, or web scraping**
- **Interview Preparation and Tactics, Training and Professional Development**
- **Legal and Compliance Insights & Verification of AI Outputs**
- **Writing public safety messages and What NOT to use AI for!**
- **Best Practices When Using ChatGPT**

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