

# COUNTER TERROR & CARTEL ACADEMY

CURRICULUM

# ABSTRACT

The Academy seeks to play a pivotal role in the global fight against organized crime, contributing to a safer, more secure world where trust and transparency can thrive.

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# CHAPTER I | EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

#### OVERVIEW OF FOX AI, INC.

Fox AI proudly carries a legacy built on trust, security, and governance. Our training academy, embedded within an innovative technology company, is dedicated to enhancing strategic outcomes for organizations. By leveraging our innovative technology platforms, we empower teams to operate smarter, faster, and more efficiently, positioning them for success in today's demanding landscape.

Our expert trainers bring a wealth of experience from various prestigious backgrounds, including former C-level executives, corporate psychologists, technologists, and committed military and law enforcement professionals. A former Customs and Border Protection (CBP) assistant director and elite Green Berets have expertly crafted the training curriculum, ensuring the highest standards of excellence in preparation.

We specialize in equipping individuals with the skills necessary to safeguard vital assets and secure essential information. Our tailored training academy reduces threats, fosters stability, and provides peace of mind, partnering seamlessly with private corporations and government bodies to achieve these critical goals.

Fox AI's mission is clear: to blend sophisticated corporate governance principles, precision strategic engagement, advanced technical solutions, and rigorous psychological and physical training methods.

#### PURPOSE AND GOALS OF THE COUNTER CARTEL ACADEMY



Learn how the Counter Terror and Cartel Academy promotes safety through education and collaboration. Visit www.thefoxai.com for more information.

**Key Objectives** 

are centered on enhancing global security and trust among communities.

Skill Advancement

cutting-edge investigative and

analytical skills.

Alliances

focuses on equipping attendees wit

is vital for creating partnerships acre

law enforcement and private sector

**Ongoing Research** 

are customized to educate diverse

stakeholders on crime prevention

Training

methods.

aims to produce resources that keep participants informed about criminal trends.

#### **Ethical Standards**

highlight the promotion of integrity and ethical behavior across organizations.



**COUNTER TERROR & CARTEL ACADEMY** 

The Academy seeks to play a pivotal role in the global fight against organized crime, contributing to a safer, more secure world where trust and transparency can thrive.

- *Skill Development*: Equip participants with advanced investigative techniques, analytical skills, and strategic thinking necessary to identify and disrupt criminal networks involved in financial crimes, cybercrimes, trafficking, and corruption.
- *Collaboration and Partnership Building*: Forge strong alliances with law enforcement, government agencies, and private sector organizations to create a unified front against criminal enterprises, enhancing information sharing and collaborative efforts.
- Awareness and Training Programs: Develop and deliver targeted training programs tailored to various stakeholders, including corporate entities, law enforcement personnel, and community organizations, aimed at raising awareness of the tactics employed by criminals and methods of prevention.
- *Research and Resource Compilation*: Engage in ongoing research to stay ahead of emerging trends in financial crimes and trafficking, providing updated resources and toolkits that aid participants in their battle against these issues.
- *Promoting Ethical Practices*: Advocate for and instill ethical practices within organizations and institutions, reinforcing the importance of integrity and corporate governance to deter involvement in corrupt activities.
- *Crisis Response Preparedness*: Prepare participants to effectively respond to and manage crises that arise from criminal activities, including developing contingency plans and mitigation strategies to protect stakeholders and maintain stability.
- *Fostering Resilience*: Create a culture of resilience among organizations and communities, enhancing their ability to withstand and recover from the impacts of financial crimes and corruption while promoting a safe and secure environment for everyone.

#### SIGNIFICANCE OF SPECIALIZED TRAINING

Specialized training empowers Americans to become a formidable force against financial crimes, cybercrime, trafficking, and corruption. By honing participants' advanced investigative techniques and analytical skills, participants gain deep insights into criminal tactics and networks.

The knowledge gained by participants fosters collaboration and partnership building, creating a united front against these threats. Through targeted awareness programs, research, and resource compilation, we ensure that all trainees prepare to identify vulnerabilities and implement preventative measures. Moreover, promoting ethical practices and crisis response preparedness strengthens resilience and safeguards communities. Ultimately, this specialized training cultivates a culture of vigilance, adaptability, and integrity, essential for combating the ever-evolving landscape of criminal activity.

## **CHAPTER II | THE PROBLEM**

#### EXPANSION OF CARTEL INFLUENCE

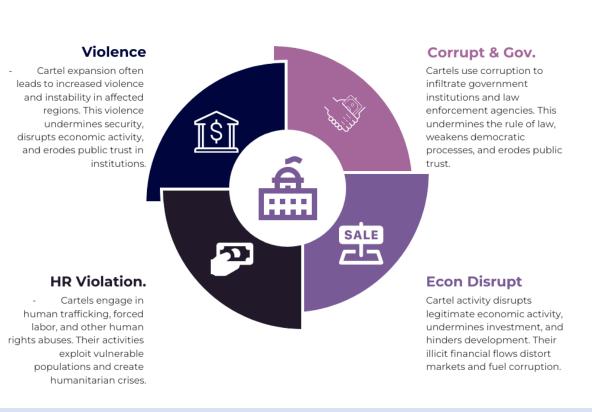
The militarization and expansion of cartel influence create a significant and evolving threat to national security, impacting not only the regions where they are based but also the countries they reach through their illicit networks. Several factors drive this expansion:



# **Profit-Driven Diversification 1**

- *Profit-Driven Diversification*: Cartels are no longer solely focused on drug trafficking. They have diversified their criminal portfolios to include human trafficking, extortion, illegal mining, and cybercrime, among other activities. This diversification allows them to exploit new markets and revenue streams, increasing their power and reach.
- *Exploitation of Weak Governance*: Cartels thrive in weak governance environments, and the rule of law is fragile. They exploit corruption, limited institutional capacity, and socioeconomic vulnerabilities to establish control and operate with impunity.
- *Strategic Alliances and Partnerships*: Cartels are forming strategic alliances with other criminal organizations, including gangs and terrorist groups. These partnerships expand their operational capacity, facilitate access to new markets, and increase their resilience to law enforcement efforts.
- *Technological Adaptation*: Cartels are increasingly leveraging technology to enhance their operations. They utilize encrypted communication platforms, sophisticated money laundering techniques, and cyberattacks to prevent detection and facilitate illicit activities.
- *Globalization and Interconnectedness*: The interconnectedness of the global economy provides opportunities for cartels to expand their operations across borders. They exploit vulnerabilities in supply chains, financial systems, and transportation networks to move illicit goods and launder money.

#### THE FAR-REACHING CONSEQUENCES OF CARTEL EXPANSION



# **Impact of Cartel Expansion**

#### INCREASED VIOLENCE AND CONFRONTATION WITH AUTHORITIES

The militarization of cartels is a complex and evolving challenge that requires a sustained and coordinated response from governments, law enforcement agencies, and the international community. By strengthening state capacity, enhancing cooperation, and addressing the root causes, we can effectively combat this threat and promote security and stability.



- *Competition and Territorial Control*: Cartels compete fiercely to control drug trafficking routes, territory, and other illicit markets. This competition fuels an arms race as cartels seek to outgun and outmaneuver their rivals.
- *Erosion of State Capacity*: In some regions, the state's capacity to enforce the rule of law and maintain security has been weakened. This creates opportunities for cartels to operate more openly and forcefully challenge state authority.

- *Corruption and Collusion*: Corruption within law enforcement and government agencies facilitates the acquisition of weapons and provides cartels with a degree of impunity. In some cases, corrupt officials may actively collude with cartels, providing them intelligence and protection.
- Access to the Black Market: The global black market for weapons provides cartels with access to a wide range of military-grade weaponry, including assault rifles, grenades, and explosives. Weak border controls and lax enforcement of arms trafficking laws often facilitate this access.
- *Recruitment and Training*: Cartels actively recruit former military and law enforcement personnel, providing them lucrative salaries and opportunities to utilize their skills. This recruitment strengthens their tactical capabilities and enhances their ability to engage in armed confrontations.

#### FAR-REACHING CONSEQUENCES



- Increased Violence and Civilian Casualties: The use of military-grade weapons and tactics by cartels leads to increased violence and civilian casualties. Innocent bystanders are often caught in the crossfire of cartel conflicts or become targets of intimidation and extortion.
- Undermining State Authority: Cartel militarization challenges the state's monopoly on the use of force and undermines its authority. This can lead to a breakdown of law and order, creating an environment of fear and instability.
- Destabilization and Spillover Effects: The violence and instability associated with cartel militarization can destabilize entire regions and have spillover effects on neighboring countries. This can fuel refugee flows, increase cross-border crime, and undermine regional security.
- Intimidation and Erosion of Public Trust: Cartels use violence and intimidation to silence opposition and control communities. This erodes public trust in institutions and creates fear, hindering economic activity and social development.
- Human Rights Abuses: The militarization of cartels increases the risk of human rights abuse, including extrajudicial killings, torture, and forced disappearances. Cartels often operate with impunity, targeting human rights defenders, journalists, and community leaders who speak out against their activities.

#### ADDRESSING THE MILITARIZATION OF CARTELS

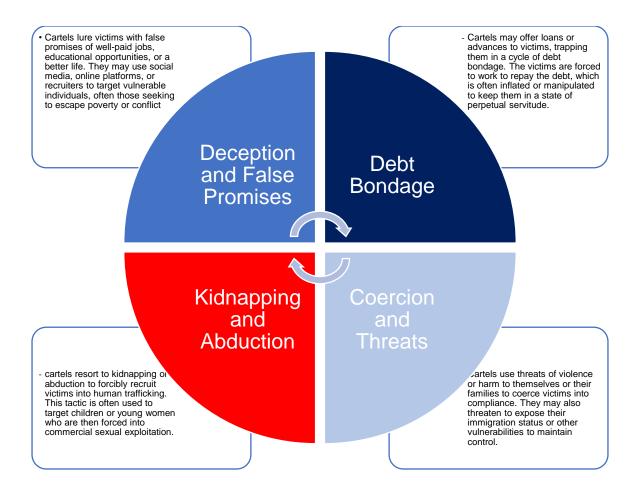


- *Strengthening State Capacity*: Enhancing the capacity of law enforcement and security forces to combat cartel activity effectively is crucial. This includes providing adequate training, equipment, and resources, addressing corruption, and promoting accountability.
- *Intelligence and Information Sharing:* Effective intelligence gathering and information sharing between agencies and countries is essential to disrupt cartel operations and prevent the acquisition of military-grade weaponry.
- *Disrupting Arms Trafficking*: Strengthening border controls, enhancing enforcement of arms trafficking laws, and collaborating with international partners to track and prevent illicit weapons flows are crucial steps.
- *Addressing Root Causes*: Addressing the socioeconomic factors that contribute to cartel recruitment and violence, such as poverty, inequality, and lack of opportunities, is essential for long-term solutions.

- *Promoting Community Resilience*: Building community resilience through initiatives that promote peace, justice, and human rights empowers communities to resist cartel influence and foster a culture of lawfulness.

#### RECRUITMENT & MAINTAIN CONTROL

The tactics employed by cartels to recruit and control victims of human trafficking are cruel and manipulative. They prey on vulnerability and exploit desperation, leaving victims trapped in a cycle of abuse and exploitation. Addressing this issue requires a multi-faceted approach that includes strengthening law enforcement efforts, enhancing victim protection, and addressing the root causes of vulnerability to human trafficking.



#### MAINTAINING CONTROL

- *Isolation and Confinement*: Cartels isolate victims from their families and communities, making them dependent on the traffickers for their basic needs. They may be confined to brothels, forced labor camps, or private residences, limiting their access to the outside world.
- *Physical and Psychological Abuse:* Cartels use physical and psychological abuse to break down victims' resistance and maintain control. This abuse can include beatings, rape, torture, and threats.
- *Drug Addiction*: Cartels may intentionally get victims addicted to drugs to further control and manipulate them. This addiction creates a dependency that makes it difficult for victims to escape or seek help.
- *Threats and Intimidation*: Cartels maintain control through constant threats and intimidation. They may threaten to harm victims or their families if they try to escape or report their situation to the authorities.

- *Confiscation of Documents*: Cartels often confiscate victims' identification documents, such as passports and driver's licenses, making it difficult for them to travel or seek help.
- *Manipulation and Exploitation of Vulnerability*: Cartels exploit victims' vulnerabilities, such as their immigration status, lack of education, or economic hardship, to maintain control. They may also use cultural or language barriers to isolate victims and prevent them from seeking help.

#### SHORT- AND LONG-TERM IMPLICATIONS

The long-term social and economic impacts of cartel-related human trafficking are profound and devastating. Addressing this issue requires a comprehensive approach that includes strengthening law enforcement efforts, enhancing victim protection, and promoting economic development and social inclusion. By investing in prevention, protection, and recovery efforts, we can mitigate the long-term consequences of human trafficking and build more resilient and equitable communities.

#### SOCIAL IMPACTS

- Trauma and Psychological Distress: Victims of human trafficking often suffer severe trauma and psychological distress, including anxiety, depression, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and substance abuse. These impacts can persist long after they escape their traffickers, affecting their ability to form healthy relationships, trust others, and reintegrate into society.
- Stigma and Social Isolation: Survivors of human trafficking often face stigma and discrimination, which can lead to social isolation and exclusion. They may be blamed for their victimization or ostracized by their communities, further compounding their trauma and hindering their recovery.
- Family Disruption and Breakdown: Human trafficking can disrupt family structures and lead to family breakdown. Children who are trafficked may be separated from their parents and siblings, causing long-term emotional and psychological damage. Families may also experience financial hardship and social stigma because of their loved one's victimization.
- Erosion of Trust and Social Cohesion: Human trafficking erodes trust within communities and undermines social cohesion. The presence of traffickers and the exploitation of vulnerable individuals create an atmosphere of fear and mistrust, hindering community development and collective action.
- Increased Vulnerability to Other Crimes: Communities affected by human trafficking are often more vulnerable to other crimes, such as drug trafficking, extortion, and violence. The presence of organized crime networks and the breakdown of social norms create an environment where criminal activity can flourish.

#### ECONOMIC IMPACTS

- Loss of Productivity and Human Capital: Human trafficking deprives communities of valuable human capital and productivity. Victims are often forced into labor exploitation, preventing them from contributing to the legitimate economy and reaching their full potential.
- Financial Burden on Public Services: The social and health consequences of human trafficking place a significant financial burden on public services, including healthcare, social welfare, and law enforcement. These costs strain public resources and limit the ability of governments to invest in other critical areas.
- Damage to the Tourism Industry: Human trafficking, particularly sex trafficking, can damage the reputation of tourist destinations and deter visitors. This can significantly negatively impact local economies that rely on tourism revenue.
- Hindered Economic Development: The presence of human trafficking and other cartel-related crimes creates an unstable and insecure environment that discourages investment and hinders economic development. Businesses may be reluctant to operate in areas vulnerable to extortion, violence, or reputational damage.
- Perpetuation of Poverty and Inequality: Human trafficking often targets the most vulnerable members of society, including those living in poverty or facing discrimination. This exploitation perpetuates cycles of poverty and inequality, limiting opportunities for individuals and communities to improve their socioeconomic status.

# **CHAPTER III | THE SOLUTION**

#### FOX AI'S MISSION AND VISION

In an era where threats are evolving unprecedentedly, the demand for highly skilled and ethically grounded security professionals has reached a critical level. Fox AI Academy is at the forefront of this movement. We are not merely training individuals but nurturing a new generation of leaders dedicated to shaping a safer, more secure world. Our program combines cutting-edge knowledge, innovative thinking, and effective collaboration, ensuring our graduates are fully prepared to uphold justice, protect human rights, and foster global stability. Partnering with Fox AI Academy means you're making a meaningful investment—not just in training but in a brighter future where security and peace thrive for all.

#### RANGE OF TRAINING SERVICES

Fox AI Academy is dynamic and immersive, leveraging state-of-the-art technology, engaging real-world simulations, and expert mentorship to equip graduates with the knowledge, practical skills, and instincts essential for success in their field.

- Cybersecurity Operations: Master the latest techniques in cyber threat intelligence, incident response, and digital forensics to defend against increasingly sophisticated cyberattacks.
- Revenue Investigations: Uncover illicit financial flows, trace assets, and dismantle criminal networks through advanced investigative and analytical techniques.
- Field Operations: Gain tactical skills such as surveillance, interdiction, and counter-terrorism operations, including advanced weapons handling and close-quarters combat.
- Advanced Military Training: Prepare for high-risk environments with specialized combat lifesaving, tactical driving, and intelligence-gathering training.
- Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response: Develop the expertise to effectively respond to humanitarian crises and protect vulnerable populations in conflict zones.
- Leadership and Management: Cultivate essential leadership skills to manage security teams and navigate complex operational challenges effectively.

#### IMPORTANCE FOR NATIONAL SECURITY

The destabilizing influence of cartels poses a direct threat to national security, demanding a focused and strategic response. These transnational criminal organizations engage in a wide range of illicit activities, from drug trafficking and human smuggling to extortion and cybercrime, undermining the rule of law and fueling violence and instability.

Fox AI Academy recognizes the critical need for specialized training to counter the cartel threat. Our Counter Cartel Training program provides government agencies with the expertise and tools necessary to:



# **CHAPTER IV | THE PROGRAM**

#### OVERVIEW

The Academy curriculum is meticulously crafted to provide comprehensive and adaptable training experience. Recognizing that each agency and individual has unique needs and objectives, our programs are designed to be modular and customizable. This allows us to tailor training to specific requirements, ensuring maximum impact and relevance.

Our instructors work closely with agencies to assess their needs, identify their goals, and craft a training program that delivers the most significant impact. Whether the goal is comprehensive skill development or targeted enhancement of specific capabilities, the curriculum can be tailored to meet those needs.

#### EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT



In the high-stakes world of counter-cartel operations, leadership is not just about authority; it's about making critical decisions under immense pressure. These four modules provide a comprehensive training program to equip leaders with the skills, knowledge, and resilience needed to excel in this demanding environment. From mastering decision-making frameworks and resource management to navigating complex legal considerations and prioritizing personal well-being, this program offers a holistic approach to leadership development in the face of complex challenges.

#### MODULE 1: LEADERSHIP & DECISION-MAKING IN HIGH-STAKES ENVIRONMENTS

- Duration: 5 Days
- Focus: Module 1 equips leaders with crucial skills to make effective decisions in counter-cartel operations' complex and high-pressure world. Through immersive simulations and real-world case studies, participants will explore leadership styles, ethical frameworks, strategic thinking, risk assessment, crisis management, negotiation, and conflict resolution.
  - Day 1: Leadership Fundamentals & Ethical Frameworks: Explore leadership styles, ethical decision-making models, and the impact of leadership on organizational culture and mission success.
  - Day 2: Strategic Thinking & Risk Assessment: Analyze complex scenarios, evaluate potential risks and consequences, and develop strategic plans to achieve mission objectives while minimizing collateral damage.
  - Day 3: Crisis Management & Communication: Master effective communication strategies for managing crises, coordinating inter-agency operations, and mitigating reputational risks.
  - Day 4: Negotiation & Conflict Resolution: Develop advanced negotiation and conflict resolution skills to de-escalate tense situations, build alliances, and achieve mutually beneficial outcomes.
  - Day 5: Decision-Making Simulations & Case Studies: Participate in immersive simulations and analyze real-world case studies to apply learned concepts and refine decision-making skills in dynamic environments.

#### MODULE 2: MANAGING RESOURCES FOR COUNTER-CARTEL OPERATIONS

- Duration: 3 Days
- Focus: Module 2 optimizes the allocation and utilization of resources for maximum impact in countercartel efforts. Participants will learn strategies for managing human capital, navigating financial complexities, and leveraging technology and intelligence resources for operational success.
  - Day 1: Human Resource Management: Explore strategies for recruiting, training, and retaining highly skilled personnel. Develop leadership skills to motivate and manage diverse teams in challenging environments.
  - Day 2: Financial Management & Budgeting: Gain insights into the financial complexities of counter-cartel operations, including budgeting, resource allocation, and the detection and prevention of economic crimes.
  - Day 3: Technology & Intelligence Management: Learn how to effectively leverage technology and intelligence resources to support decision-making, enhance operational efficiency, and gain a strategic advantage.

#### MODULE 3: LEGAL & ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS IN COUNTER-CARTEL OPERATIONS

- Duration: 2 Days
- Focus: Module 3 profoundly delves into the legal and ethical frameworks surrounding counter-cartel operations. Participants will examine international law, human rights, rules of engagement, and ethical dilemmas to ensure compliance and uphold the highest standards of conduct.
  - Day 1: International Law & Human Rights: Examine the legal complexities of transnational crime, including extradition treaties, human rights law, and the use of force.
  - Day 2: Rules of Engagement & Ethical Dilemmas: Explore the rules of engagement in counter-cartel operations, ethical considerations in intelligence gathering, and strategies for mitigating potential human rights abuses.

#### MODULE 4: PERSONAL SECURITY & RESILIENCE FOR EXECUTIVE LEADERS

- Duration: 2 Days
- Focus: Module 4 focuses on the personal well-being of leaders in high-risk environments. Participants will develop security awareness, threat assessment skills, and personal security protocols. Additionally, they will gain tools for stress management, building psychological resilience, and maintaining well-being in the face of challenging experiences.
  - Day 1: Security Awareness & Risk Mitigation: Develop situational awareness, threat assessment skills, and personal security protocols to mitigate risks in both professional and individual settings.
  - Day 2: Stress Management & Psychological Resilience: Gain tools and techniques for managing stress, building psychological resilience, and maintaining well-being in challenging and potentially traumatic experiences.

#### CYBERSECURITY SPECIAL OPERATIONS



#### MODULE 1: FOUNDATIONS OF CYBERSECURITY & CYBER WARFARE

- Duration: 1 Week
- Focus: Establish a comprehensive understanding of cybersecurity principles, threats, and the evolving landscape of cyber warfare, particularly concerning counterterrorism and cartel operations.
  - Day 1-2: Cybersecurity Fundamentals: Deep dive into core cybersecurity concepts, including network security, cryptography, data protection, and vulnerability assessment.
  - Day 3-4: Cyber Threat Landscape: Analyze the tactics and techniques employed by terrorists and cartels in cyberspace, including malware, phishing, denial-of-service attacks, and social engineering.
  - Day 5-7: Cyber Warfare & Intelligence: Explore the principles of cyber warfare, the role
    of cyber intelligence in counterterrorism and cartel operations, and the legal and ethical
    considerations of offensive and defensive cyber operations.

#### MODULE 2: OFFENSIVE CYBER OPERATIONS & TACTICS

- Duration: 2 Weeks
- Focus: Develop the skills and knowledge to conduct offensive cyber operations to disrupt and dismantle terrorist and cartel networks.
  - Week 1: Penetration Testing & Exploitation: Master the art of penetration testing, ethical hacking, and vulnerability exploitation to identify and exploit weaknesses in adversary systems.
  - Week 2: Malware Analysis & Reverse Engineering: Gain proficiency in analyzing malware, understanding its functionality, and developing countermeasures to mitigate its impact.

#### MODULE 3: DEFENSIVE CYBER OPERATIONS & INCIDENT RESPONSE

- Duration: 1 Week
- Focus: Build expertise in defensive cyber operations and incident response to protect critical infrastructure and sensitive data from terrorist and cartel cyberattacks.
  - Day 1-3: Network Security & Defense: Deepen understanding of network security architecture, intrusion detection and prevention systems, and firewall management.
  - Day 4-7: Incident Response & Digital Forensics: Develop skills in incident handling, digital forensics, and evidence collection to effectively respond to and investigate cyberattacks.

#### MODULE 4: CYBER INTELLIGENCE & OPEN-SOURCE ANALYSIS (OSINT)

- Duration: 1 Week
- Focus: Master the art of cyber intelligence gathering and analysis, leveraging open-source intelligence (OSINT) to identify threats, map adversary networks, and support decision-making.
  - Day 1-3: OSINT Techniques & Tools: Explore the vast landscape of open-source information, including social media, dark web forums, and public databases. Learn to utilize specialized tools and techniques for efficient data collection and analysis.

 Day 4-7: Cyber Threat Intelligence Analysis: Develop analytical skills to assess cyber threats, identify vulnerabilities, and provide actionable intelligence to support counterterrorism and cartel operations.

#### MODULE 5: OPERATIONAL SECURITY (OPSEC) & CYBERSECURITY ETHICS

- Duration: 3 Days
- Focus: Instill a deep understanding of operational security (OPSEC) principles and ethical considerations in cyberspace to ensure mission success and maintain public trust.
  - Day 1: OPSEC for Cyber Operations: Learn how to protect sensitive information, minimize digital footprints, and maintain operational security in cyber operations.
  - Day 2-3: Cybersecurity Ethics & Legal Frameworks: Explore the ethical dilemmas and legal frameworks surrounding cyber warfare, surveillance, and data privacy.

#### TRAINING METHODOLOGY

- Hands-on Labs & Simulations: The program will emphasize hands-on learning through realistic labs, cyber ranges, and simulated attack scenarios.
- Capture-the-Flag (CTF) Exercises: Participate in competitive CTF exercises to test skills and apply knowledge in a dynamic and challenging environment.
- Red Team/Blue Team Exercises: Engage in realistic red team/blue team exercises to simulate realworld attack and defense scenarios.
- Certification Preparation: Integrate preparation for industry-recognized cybersecurity certifications, such as CompTIA Security+, Certified Ethical Hacker (CEH), and others.

#### FIELD OPERATIONS

#### MODULE 1: ENFORCEMENT CONTROL & INTERDICTION OPERATIONS

- Duration: 2 Weeks
- Focus: Master the tactical and legal principles of enforcement control and interdiction operations, gaining proficiency in the techniques necessary to disrupt cartel and terrorist activities.
- Week 1: Enforcement Control
  - Legal Frameworks & Use of Force: Deep dive into the legal and ethical considerations surrounding using force, rules of engagement, and protecting human rights during enforcement operations.
  - Control & Restraint Techniques: Develop skills in de-escalation tactics, non-lethal force options, and apprehension and restraint techniques to safely and effectively control individuals and situations.
  - Vehicle Stops & High-Risk Encounters: Learn tactical procedures for conducting safe and effective vehicle stops, including high-risk encounters and apprehending armed suspects.
- Week 2: Interdiction Operations
  - Interdiction Planning & Tactics: Explore the principles of interdiction planning, including intelligence analysis, target selection, and the deployment of interdiction teams.
  - Surveillance & Counter-Surveillance: Master techniques for conducting effective surveillance operations, including covert observation, tracking, and counter-surveillance measures.

 Field Exercises & Scenario-Based Training: Participate in realistic field exercises and scenario-based training to apply learned concepts and refine tactical skills in dynamic environments.

#### MODULE 2: SENSOR TECHNOLOGY & TACTICAL APPLICATIONS

- Duration: 1 Week
- Focus: Gain proficiency in utilizing advanced sensor technology to enhance situational awareness and support interdiction efforts in day and night operations.
  - Day 1-3: Sensor Fundamentals & Applications: Explore the principles of sensor technology, including radar, infrared, acoustic, and seismic sensors. Learn to interpret sensor data and apply it to real-world scenarios.
  - Day 4-7: Day & Night Deployment: Develop skills in deploying and utilizing sensors in various environments and under different lighting conditions. Conduct practical exercises in sensor operation, data analysis, and tactical decision-making.

#### MODULE 3: TACTICAL TRACKING & WILDERNESS SURVIVAL

- Duration: 1 Week
- Focus: Master tactical tracking and wilderness survival, essential skills for pursuing and apprehending suspects in remote and challenging terrain.
  - Day 1-4: Tactical Tracking Techniques: Learn to interpret signs of human presence, analyze track patterns, and apply tracking techniques in various environments.
  - Day 5-7: Wilderness Survival & Navigation: Develop essential wilderness survival skills, including shelter building, fire starting, water procurement, and land navigation.

#### MODULE 4: WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION (WMD) AWARENESS & RESPONSE

- Duration: 1 Week
- Focus: Gain a comprehensive understanding of WMD threats, including chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive (CBRNE) weapons, and develop response protocols to mitigate their impact.
  - Day 1-2: WMD Fundamentals & Threat Assessment: Explore the different types of WMDs, their potential impact, and the tactics employed by terrorists and cartels in utilizing these weapons.
  - Day 3-5: CBRNE Response & Safety Protocols: Learn to identify and assess CBRNE threats, implement safety protocols, and conduct decontamination procedures.
  - Day 6-7: Field Exercises & Scenario-Based Training: Participate in realistic field exercises and simulations to practice WMD response protocols and refine decision-making skills in high-pressure situations.

#### MODULE 5: CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION & EVIDENCE COLLECTION

- Duration: 1 Week
- Focus: Develop the skills and knowledge to effectively process crime scenes, collect and preserve evidence, and support successful prosecutions.

- Day 1-3: Crime Scene Processing & Documentation: Learn to secure and process crime scenes, document evidence, and maintain chain of custody.
- Day 4-7: Evidence Collection & Analysis: Gain proficiency in collecting and preserving diverse types of evidence, including fingerprints, DNA, ballistics, and digital evidence.

#### MODULE 6: REVENUE INVESTIGATION & COUNTER-SMUGGLING OPERATIONS

- Duration: 1 Week
- Focus: Develop specialized skills in financial investigations and counter-smuggling operations to disrupt the financial networks and illicit trade that fuel cartel and terrorist activities.
  - Day 1-3: Revenue Investigation & Asset Tracing: Learn to uncover illicit financial flows, trace assets, and dismantle money laundering schemes.
  - Day 4-7: Counter-Smuggling Techniques: Gain proficiency in identifying smuggling routes, detecting concealed contraband, and conducting interdiction operations to disrupt the flow of illicit goods.

#### MODULE 7: FIREARMS TRAINING & ADVANCED MARKSMANSHIP

- Duration: 2 Weeks
- Focus: Develop advanced firearms handling skills, marksmanship proficiency, and tactical shooting techniques essential for field operations.
  - Week 1: Firearms Safety & Fundamentals: Reinforce firearms safety protocols and master fundamental marksmanship principles, including stance, grip, trigger control, and sight alignment.
  - Week 2: Tactical Shooting & Close-Quarters Combat: Gain tactical shooting techniques, including shooting on the move, engaging multiple targets, and close-quarters combat drills.

#### TRAINING METHODOLOGY

- Immersive Field Training: Conduct extensive field training exercises in diverse environments, including urban, rural, and wilderness settings.
- Scenario-Based Training: Utilize realistic scenarios and simulations to enhance decision-making and tactical skills in dynamic situations.
- Expert Instruction: Experienced military and law enforcement instructors with specialized expertise in field operations will lead the training.
- Physical Fitness & Mental Toughness: Integrate physical fitness training and mental toughness exercises to prepare participants for the demanding nature of field operations.

#### REVENUE INVESTIGATIONS

#### MODULE 1: FUNDAMENTALS OF FINANCIAL INVESTIGATIONS

- Duration: 1 Week
- Focus: Build a solid foundation in the core principles of financial investigations, including the legal and regulatory frameworks, investigative techniques, and ethical considerations.
  - Day 1-2: Financial Crimes & Legal Frameworks: Explore the various types of financial crimes relevant to counterterrorism and cartel operations, including money laundering,

terrorist financing, fraud, and corruption. Examine the applicable laws, regulations, and international conventions that govern financial investigations.

- Day 3-4: Investigative Techniques & Tools: Develop essential investigative skills, including source and document analysis, data mining, link analysis, and specialized software and databases.
- Day 5-7: Ethics & Professional Conduct: Emphasize the importance of ethical conduct, objectivity, and confidentiality in financial investigations. Explore case studies and realworld examples of moral dilemmas and best practices.

#### MODULE 2: TRACING THE MONEY: FOLLOWING THE FINANCIAL TRAIL

- Duration: 2 Weeks
- Focus: Master tracing illicit financial flows, unraveling complex transactions, and identifying the individuals and entities involved in terrorist financing and cartel operations.
  - Week 1: Money Laundering Techniques & Typologies: Gain a deep understanding of the various methods used to launder money, including layering, structuring, and using shell companies and offshore accounts. Analyze real-world case studies to identify red flags and suspicious activities.
  - Week 2: Asset Tracing & Recovery: Develop advanced skills in tracing assets, including real estate, luxury goods, and financial instruments. Explore legal and operational strategies for asset seizure and forfeiture.

#### MODULE 3: SOURCES OF INFORMATION & INTELLIGENCE GATHERING

- Duration: 1 Week
- Focus: Explore various information sources and intelligence-gathering techniques to uncover hidden assets, identify key players, and build comprehensive financial profiles of terrorist and cartel networks.
  - Day 1-3: Financial Databases & Open-Source Intelligence (OSINT): Learn to navigate and utilize various financial databases, public records, and online resources to gather valuable financial intelligence. Develop OSINT skills to extract information from social media, news articles, and publicly available sources.
  - Day 4-7: Human Intelligence (HUMINT) & Undercover Operations: Explore the role of human intelligence in financial investigations, including informant handling, undercover operations, and interview techniques.

#### MODULE 4: ANALYZING FINANCIAL RECORDS & UNCOVERING HIDDEN WEALTH

- Duration: 1 Week
- Focus: Develop expertise in analyzing financial records, detecting anomalies, and uncovering hidden wealth to expose illicit financial activities and support prosecutions.
  - Day 1-3: Forensic Accounting & Financial Statement Analysis: Gain proficiency in forensic accounting techniques to identify fraudulent activity, uncover hidden assets, and reconstruct financial transactions.
  - Day 4-7: Indirect Methods of Proof & Net Worth Analysis: Learn to utilize indirect methods of proof, such as net worth analysis and expenditure analysis, to establish evidence of unexplained wealth and illicit income.

#### MODULE 5: INTERVIEWING TECHNIQUES & LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Duration: 1 Week
- Focus: Master effective interviewing techniques and understand the legal considerations involved in conducting financial investigations and building strong cases for prosecution.
  - Day 1-3: Interviewing Techniques & Elicitation: Develop advanced interviewing skills, including rapport building, active listening, and behavioral analysis. Learn to elicit information effectively and detect deception.
  - Day 4-7: Legal & Regulatory Compliance: Ensure compliance with legal and regulatory requirements related to financial investigations, including search warrants, subpoenas, and the handling of sensitive information.

#### MODULE 6: CRYPTOCURRENCY & THE DARK WEB

- Duration: 1 Week
- Focus: Gain specialized knowledge in the complexities of cryptocurrency and the dark web, understanding how terrorists and cartels utilize these technologies to facilitate illicit finance and evade detection.
  - Day 1-3: Cryptocurrency Fundamentals & Blockchain Analysis: Explore the fundamentals of cryptocurrency, blockchain technology, and the various types of cryptocurrencies used in criminal activities. Develop skills in blockchain analysis to trace cryptocurrency transactions and identify suspicious patterns.
  - Day 4-7: Dark Web Investigations & Cybercrime: Gain insights into the dark web, its structure, and the tools and techniques used to access and navigate this hidden part of the internet. Learn to investigate cybercrime and illicit activities conducted on the dark web.

#### MODULE 7: INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION & MUTUAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE

- Duration: 3 Days
- Focus: Understand the importance of international cooperation and mutual legal assistance in combating transnational financial crime and pursuing justice across borders.
  - Day 1-3: International Frameworks & Collaboration: Explore the international legal frameworks and mechanisms for cooperation in financial investigations, including extradition treaties, mutual legal assistance treaties (MLATs), and information-sharing agreements.

#### TRAINING METHODOLOGY

- Case Studies & Simulations: Utilize real-world case studies and interactive simulations to apply learned concepts and refine investigative skills.
- Expert Instruction: Experienced financial investigators, forensic accountants, and legal professionals will lead the training.
- Technology & Data Analysis Tools: Provide access to specialized software, databases, and analytical tools used in financial investigations.
- Collaborative Learning: Foster a collaborative learning environment where participants can share experiences, learn from each other, and build professional networks.

#### BASIC TACTICAL TRAINING PLAN

#### DAYS ONE

- Training staff intros and course orientation.
- Assign SF mentor/student teams.
- Issue student gear and fit as needed.
- Informal dinner and Ice Breaker.

\*Note: Students will be assigned to an SF mentor "OTB" style. Ratio for a 12-student class is a 1:3 ratio, and for a 16-student class, there is a 1:4 ratio.

#### COMBAT LIFE SAVER TRAINING (2 DAYS)

- Use of items in IFAK.
- Open and maintain a casualty airway.
- Treat for shock.
- Manage/control bleeding (using "quick clot" bandages and combat tourniquet).
- Treat gunshots and knife wounds.
- Prepare casualty for movement/evacuation.

#### COMBATIVE TRAINING (2 DAYS)

- Basic defensive techniques (subject take-down and control).
- Employing and using the ASP expandable baton.
- Pressure Point Control Tactics (PPCT)
- Handgun retention techniques.

#### PISTOL TRAINING (3 DAYS)

- Safety
- Pistol operation.
- Load and unload the pistol (using dummy rounds).
- Tactical reloading.
- Malfunctions, misfires, and corrective actions.
- Determine the dominant eye.
- Six marksmanship fundamentals: grip, stance, breathing, aiming, firing, and follow through.
- Shooting stance (isosceles).
- Grouping exercises (shoot the dots): 3" and 6" from the draw and low ready positions.
- Stationary target engagement (3-7 yards): standing, kneeling, using barricade/cover.
- Shooting while moving toward a stationary target, running the gauntlet", and shooting while moving to cover.
- Target transitions: left-to-right, right-to-left, front-to-back on stationary targets.
- Engaging close-range targets (at 1 yard).
- Presenting pistol from concealment (under clothing), engaging close-range targets.
- Pistol qualification (LE standard qualification course)

\*Note: Students will fire 2000 rounds of 9mm ammunition.

#### CARBINE TRAINING (3 DAYS)

- Safety
- M4 operation.
- Load and unload the M4 carbine (using dummy rounds).
- Tactical reloading.
- Malfunctions, misfires, and corrective actions.
- Six marksmanship fundamentals.
- Shooting positions: standing, kneeling, using barricade/cover.
- Shooting while moving toward the target, running the "gauntlet," and shooting while moving to cover.
- Target transitions: left-to-right, right-to-left, front-to-back on stationary targets.
- Weapons transition (primary weapon goes down): carbine to pistol.
- Engage targets while shooting under the vehicle body.
- Carbine qualification (Mil. standard).
- Note: Students will shoot 2000 rounds of 5.56 ammunition plus additional 9mm rounds.

#### SHOTGUN TRAINING (1 DAY) SAFETY

- Operating the "pump action" shotgun.
- Load and unload the Remington 870 shotgun (using dummy rounds)
- Tactical reloading.
- Malfunctions, misfires, and corrective actions.
- Shooting positions: standing, kneeling, using barricade/cover.
- Shooting while moving forward toward the target and shooting while moving to cover.

\*Note: Students will shoot 200 rounds of low recoil 12-gauge ammunition

#### VEHICLE DYNAMICS (2 DAYS).

- Evasive driving techniques.
  - Note: Employ military/LE-grade pyrotechnics during driving training.
- Vehicle Ramming and Attack Avoidance (1 day).
- Classroom instruction followed by PEs.
- Counter-ambush/kidnap prevention techniques w/live fire PE's.

\*Note: Will employ LE/military grade pyrotechnics for convoy attacks.

#### **REACTIONARY SHOOTING (2 DAYS)**

- Reaction to vehicle ambush (live fire bail-out drills): disabled vehicle, suppressive fire and movement to supporting vehicle, escape kill zone.

#### SURVEILLANCE DETECTION (SD) AND COUNTER SURVEILLANCE (CS) (3 DAYS)

- Classroom training (SD and CS) before all PEs.
- Instructor-led Surveillance Detection exercise.
- Instructor-led Counter-Surveillance exercise.
- Detecting fixed surveillance exercises.
- Route planning for attack avoidance.
- Students run SDRs under hostile surveillance.

#### ESCAPE FROM RESTRAINTS (2 DAYS)

- Defeating handcuffs, rope, duct tape, and zip ties are used as restraints.

#### TACTICAL FIELD (4 DAYS).

- Reconnaissance and Raid patrol planning.
- FRAGO, WARNORD and OPORD.
- Movement techniques, infiltration, and exfiltration.
- Crossing Danger Areas.
- Establish and operate an ORP.
- React to Contact and Immediate Action Drills (IADs).
- Reconnaissance reporting.

#### CULMINATION EXERCISE (CULEX) (3 DAYS)

- Students will be evaluated in all skills taught using individual stations (Round Robin) and scenario-based PEs.
- Students will shoot 1000+ rounds of combined 9mm, 5.56mm, and 12-gauge buckshot each.

#### PITC TRAINING PLAN

#### MODULE ONE

- Intro to Police Intelligence Operations
- Intelligence Cycle
- Clandestine Cells and Networks
- Recruiting a Confidential Informant (CI)
- CI Lifestyle Debriefing
- Meeting Fundamentals: MM, Rapport, Amenities, Security
- Pretexts and Cover
- Operational Reporting

\*Notes: The OPS reporting class uses the "fishbowl" technique. Students will observe meetings and write ops reports.

#### MODULE TWO

- Intro to Counterintelligence
  - Counterintelligence Missions
    - Investigations, Collection, Operations and Analysis
- Legal Issues
- Counterintelligence Support to LE Operations
- Counter-intelligence Support.
  - OPSEC, Deception, and Force Protection

- Confidential Source Types • Casual, Official and Recruited
- Target Analysis
- Counter-intelligence Investigations.
- Black, Gray, and Whitelists
- Analysis Techniques
- Time Event Chart
- Association Matrix
- Activity Matrix
- Link Diagram

#### MODULE THREE

- Surveillance training w/Pes
- Foot
- Mobile
- Combo
- Fixed
- Rural Techniques
- Surveillance Commo
- Surveillance Forms and Reports
- C-Surveillance w/Pes
- Route Planning w/PEs (SDR)
- Surveillance FTX (3 days)

\*Notes: 1) SD will be incorporated into the route planning phase. 2) Students will conduct surveillance against cadre and CS to support CI meetings during FTX.

#### MODULE FOUR

- Urban Meet Fundamentals and Techniques
- Rural Meet Fundamentals and Techniques
- Casing (WACSOP)
- Operational Sketching
- Signals
- Dead Drops
- Develop a COMPLAN (PACE)

#### MODULE FIVE

- Case and Meet FTX
  - $\circ$  3 days of site casing and reporting
  - $\circ$  2 days source meetings
- Notes: 1) Scenario-based. 2) Scripted meets w/cadre acting as CIs. 3) Uses student-cased sites (urban and rural).
- Module Six- Culmination Exercise (CULEX):
- Exercise Briefing
- Issue OPORD and Conduct Mission Planning
- Meeting Site Casing and Reporting
- CULEX

Note: CULEX will culminate with a raid on a developed target.

#### HUMANITARIAN AID AND CRISIS RESPONSE

Protecting vulnerable populations and upholding human dignity is paramount. Fox AI Academy recognizes the critical role of compassion and ethical action in these challenging environments. Our Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response training equips individuals with expertise and sensitivity to positive impact while upholding the highest human rights and dignity standards.

- Needs Assessment and Resource Management: Master the skills to rapidly assess crisis needs and effectively manage resources to provide essential aid, including food, water, shelter, and medical care.

- Protection of Vulnerable Populations: Learn strategies to identify and protect vulnerable groups, such as women, children, the elderly, and displaced persons, from exploitation, abuse, and violence.
- Cultural Awareness and Sensitivity: Develop an understanding of cultural nuances and sensitivities to ensure respectful and effective communication and collaboration with diverse communities.
- Trauma-Informed Care: Gain the knowledge and skills to provide trauma-informed care to individuals affected by crisis and conflict, recognizing the psychological and emotional impact of their experiences.
- Human Rights and Ethical Considerations: Deepen your understanding of human rights principles and ethical frameworks to guide decision-making and ensure the protection of human dignity in all humanitarian efforts.
- Negotiation and Conflict Resolution: Develop negotiation and conflict resolution skills to de-escalate tensions, facilitate access to aid, and promote peaceful solutions.
- Psychosocial Support: Learn to provide psychosocial support to individuals and communities affected by crisis and conflict, fostering resilience and recovery.
- Community Engagement and Empowerment: Build community capacity to actively participate in their recovery and development, promoting self-reliance and sustainable solutions.

#### Training Methodology

- Scenario-Based Simulations: Participants engage in realistic simulations of humanitarian crises and conflict zones to practice decision-making and response protocols in dynamic environments.
- Field Exercises: Participate in field exercises to gain practical experience in setting up and managing aid distribution, providing medical care, and protecting vulnerable populations.
- Expert Instruction: Learn from experienced humanitarian aid workers and crisis response professionals who have served in diverse and challenging contexts.
- Ethical Reflection and Case Studies: Engage in critical reflection on ethical dilemmas and analyze realworld case studies to strengthen ethical decision-making and promote responsible humanitarian action.

# **V. THE BUDGET**

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# | Budget and | Funding



## Overview

The proposed budget for establishing the Counter Terrorism and Cartel Academy is **\$28.6 million**, emphasizing the importance of investing in the security of our Nation.

## **Funding Sources**

Funding sources include government contracts (\$21 million), community partnerships (\$6 million), and reallocated funds from existing budgets (\$1.6 million).

## Budget Allocation | Price Based on 1,000 Recruits

Outor Operations Training	60.0 acillian
Cyber Operations Training	\$3.9 million
Financial Investigation Training	\$5 million
Field Training	\$8 million
Basic Tactical Training	\$5.7 million
Police Intelligence Training Course	\$4.5 million
Humanitarian Aid & Crisis Response Training	\$1.5 million

In conclusion, Fox AI is dedicated to fortifying public safety through collaborative initiatives. With your support, we aim to create a safer, more resilient community for all. Together, let's build a future where safety is paramount.



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# **VI. THE TRAINERS**

#### ELITE INSTRUCTORS SHAPING ELITE PROFESSIONALS

At Fox AI Academy, we believe that first-in-class training starts with exceptional instructors. Our training cadre is seasoned professionals with unparalleled expertise in their respective fields, ensuring that our programs are led by those who have proven themselves in the crucible of real-world experience.

#### PROFILES OF KEY TRAINERS

- Architects of Excellence: Our program is meticulously designed by a retired Assistant Director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), bringing a wealth of knowledge in border security, law enforcement operations, and strategic leadership.
- Masters of Unconventional Warfare: We leverage the expertise of Green Berets, elite special forces soldiers renowned for their adaptability, unconventional warfare tactics, and ability to operate effectively in complex and challenging environments. Their unique skillset infuses our training with a deep understanding of counterterrorism, counter-insurgency, and strategic operations.

#### A CADRE OF SPECIALIZED EXPERTISE

- Special Forces Operators: Special Forces Special Operations Teams with certifications in advanced reconnaissance, target analysis, and exploitation techniques. They bring expertise in firearms training, close-quarters combat (CQB), and field tactical operations.
- Law Enforcement Professionals: Experienced police officers and Arizona State Police instructors provide expertise in defensive tactics, subject control and restraint, impact weapons, and evasive driving techniques.
- Intelligence Experts: Intelligence instructors with national-level qualifications bring a deep understanding of intelligence gathering, analysis, and counterintelligence operations.
- Medical Professionals: Licensed health professionals provide combat lifesaving, tactical medicine, and crisis response training.
- Federal Agents and Security Contractors: Former and active-duty federal agents from agencies such as the CIA, FBI, DEA, IRS, ATF, and NIS, along with state troopers, military personnel, financial professionals, and private security contractors, bring a wealth of real-world experience to our training programs.
- Corporate Leaders: Seasoned corporate executives provide insights into leadership, management, and organizational effectiveness in high-stakes environments.

#### THE IMPACT OF CERTIFIED INSTRUCTORS

Certified instructors are essential to the quality and effectiveness of our training programs. Their certifications demonstrate a commitment to professional standards, ensuring that our trainees receive instruction that is:

- Up to date
- Evidence-based
- Safety-conscious
- Engaged and Effective.

# **CHAPTER VII. | CONCLUSION**

Fox AI's Counter Terror and Cartel Academy is a critical initiative in the fight against the destabilizing forces of transnational criminal organizations. Effectively protect our nation by equipping military and law enforcement agencies with innovative knowledge, advanced skills, and unwavering ethical foundations.

This is a call to action for stakeholders —government agencies, law enforcement, policymakers, and community leaders—to join us in this vital mission.