

Computer Forensics Project (Iowa Department of Homeland Security)

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This grant will provide seed money to expand the Criminal Justice Program to train existing (*and future*) law enforcement officers in the rapidly growing and evolving field of Computer Forensics. Two Iowa Lakes Community College faculty will complete professional certifications and develop a Computer Forensics Certificate program for employed law enforcement agents. This training will provide participants the knowledge required to perform forensic investigation of computers used in crimes. Participants in this program will each build, configure, and learn to use forensic computers, which they will take with them to their place of employment for use in crime investigation once they have completed the program. Any law enforcement agent currently certified will be eligible to participate in this training.

The scope of the training will be limited to PC's (IBM compatible computers) in a non-networked environment. There will be limited training in data recovery of information on laptops and PDA's. A mobile lab will be established and a core group of 15 to 20 officers will complete the certification.