TOP OFFENDER LIST TRAINING

This training session will discuss the use and value of developing a top offender list. It will also cover the logistical aspects of the process for selecting offenders, and how to maintain, validate, and sustain a list. Trainers will also share practical examples of how other departments have incorporated such lists into their crime control initiatives as well as suggestions on maintaining the target offender strategy once it is initiated.

Goal and Objectives

- Establish a clear understanding of developing and maintaining offender lists.
- Understand key components and development considerations.
- Learn ways to use offender lists.
- Recognize the importance of collaboration with mutually agreed upon roles and responsibilities.
- Understand the evaluation and sustainment of offender lists.

TTA Type: Training

TTA Format: Available in person and virtually

Intended Audience: This training can be delivered to up to 50 attendees from the following agencies:

- Local police department (leadership and operational staff)
- U.S. Attorney's Office
- Local prosecutor's office
- Probation and parole offices
- Federal law enforcement partners

Length: A half day to a full day, depending on the agency's focus

Agenda

- What is *offender targeting*?
- Who is targeted?
- Developing the list and selection criteria
- Maintaining the validity of the list
- Evaluating and sustaining offender lists

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