

Seminar 26|34

NextGen Policing Terrorism Response and Investigation

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Content

Terrorism remains one of the most pressing challenges in modern law enforcement. But how do terrorist actors plan and operate? What strategies can help identify threats early and respond effectively? This intensive seminar is designed for young police officers and IPA members who seek to deepen their understanding of counterterrorism and develop practical investigative skills.

Led by an experienced team of trainers, participants will explore the full terrorism planning cycle—from intelligence gathering and surveillance to operational execution and response. Real-life case studies, practical exercises, and a high-intensity scenario simulation will equip participants with the knowledge and hands-on experience needed to confront the complexities of counter-terrorism operations.

What to Expect?

- ✦ Understand the enemy: Gain insights into terrorist planning methods and learn how to detect and prevent threats.
- ✦ Practical training: Develop investigative skills, from Open-Source Intelligence (OSINT) to surveillance techniques.
- ✦ Real-world scenarios: Participate in a full-scale simulation, including threat assessment, crisis response, and VIP protection.
- ✦ Networking opportunities: Connect with experts and fellow officers to exchange knowledge and experiences.

This seminar is an exceptional opportunity to gain valuable counter-terrorism expertise in an international setting. Combining theoretical knowledge with real-world application, it prepares young police officers for the evolving challenges of modern terrorism threats.

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Trainers: Martijn Bijlsma, Trent van Waas, Thimo Plug, Robin Blansjaar, James Avery & Richard Gentile

- 📍 Location: IBZ Schloss Gimborn
- 💰 Fees: IPA Members: € 369 | Law Enforcement: € 499 | Standard: € 999
- 📄 More info & registration: <https://bit.ly/ibz-gimborn>



Monday

Terrorism Planning Psychological Drivers & OSINT	
10:00 – 10:30	Seminar kick off Welcome, objectives and weekly overview (Bryan)
10:30 – 11:00	Icebreaker Session - Poker team-building challenge to enhance collaboration (Bryan)
11:00 – 11:45	Understanding the Terrorist Planning Cycle Target selection, surveillance, tooling-up, execution, getaway – with case studies (Martijn)
11:45 – 12:30	Psychological and Social dynamics of Terrorism Understanding the psychological factors driving radicalization and recruitment (Martijn)
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:30	Understanding the Digital Terrorist Planning Cycle Case studies on social networks and extremist propaganda, Radicalisation, recruitment, and the role of online networks (Bryan)
14:30 – 15:00	How the internet works Explanation of the Internet, surface, deep and dark web (?)
15:00 – 15:30	Metadata & Digital Traces Explanation of metadata and unseen traces (?)
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:30	Workshop: Cycle, Metadata & OSINT (Bryan)
19:00 – 20:00	Evening Meal
20:00 – 21:30	Game: Murder @ Gimborn Castle (Bryan) Live action game played in Gimborn castle in multiple teams
21:30	Honesty Bar (Martijn) Debrief at the bar



Tuesday

OSINT, Surveillance & Intelligence Gathering & Darkweb	
08:00 - 08:45	Breakfast
09:00 – 11:00	Workshop: Introduction to the Dark Web Sandbox Digital intelligence collection tools, techniques, and legal/ethical boundaries
11:00 – 11:30	Break
11:30 – 12:30	Game kickoff: VIP Group work with red/green teaming
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 15:30	Game continues Group work with red/green teaming
15:30 – 16:00	Break
16:00 – 17:30	Physical Training Workout focused on hands on combat (Dario)
19:00	Evening meal
21:00	Honesty Bar (Martijn) Debrief at the bar



Wednesday

Field Exercise & Real-World Surveillance	
08:00 - 08:45	Breakfast
09:00 – 11:00	Game: Planning a simulated attack Evidence collection and public-facing scene management
11:00 - 11:30	Break
11:30 – 13:00	Game: Dry Run Police, intelligence, and multi-agency collaboration Lecture
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:00	Field Trip to Cologne
15:00 - 16:30	Field Exercise: Surveillance in Public Live exercise on observing behaviour and identifying threats
22.00	Return to Gimborn

Thursday

Final Mission Scenario with VIPs	
08:00 - 08:45	Breakfast
09:00 – 09:30	Debrief & Analysis (Martijn)
09:30 – 12:30	Full-Scale Scenario Exercise – Part 1 Live-action response to terrorism threat: threat assessment, negotiations, response
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 16:30	Full-Scale Scenario Exercise – Part 2 Dynamic response, VIP protection and extraction
16:30 – 17:00	Break
17:00– 18:30	Debrief and Strategic Reflection
19:00	Dinner & Celebration Evening



Friday

Assessment & Certification	
08:00 – 09:00	Breakfast and Check-Out
09:00 – 10.30	Final Assessment Written or practical examination
10:30 – 11:30	Certification Ceremony
11.30 – 12:00	Closing Remarks and Departure