Artificial Intelligence & Law Enforcement:
What Leaders Need to Know

Course Content

Artificial Intelligence is one of the most promising but also most complex technologies in history. Leveraged responsibly, it can be a powerful tool to bolster public safety. Many people understandably have concerns, particularly around bias in AI systems. This training will provide attendees an informed perspective regarding the pitfalls and promise of AI in law enforcement.

The curriculum is designed to benefit both the non-technical learner and those with a broader technical acumen. The course provides an engaging overview of emergent technology along with key considerations related to policy, preserving public trust, and administrative considerations.

Who Should Attend?

Leaders and staff responsible for addressing agency priorities, assessing technical solutions, crafting policy, procurement duties, or explaining agency practices to external stakeholders.

Learning Outcomes

- Increased awareness of how AI is already being used in public safety applications, and where it is likely to be incorporated in the near future.
- Better understand the evolving policy environment around AI technology, enabling attendees to make more informed decisions for their own organizations and the communities they serve.
- Understand risk frameworks and practical strategies to mitigate sources of bias in AI programs.
- Increased understanding of fiscal & budget considerations related to technology programs.

Feedback From Prior Attendees

"One of the best presentations I've attended. Very informative and timely."

"Instructor did an awesome job of keeping the class engaged with various scenarios."

"He was very knowledgeable and shared his personal experience with what he taught."

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A comprehensive course featuring class curriculum & practical exercises to thoroughly prepare decision makers on the key aspects of technical programs.

TECHNOLOGY

The availability of emergent innovations such as AI and "big data" can be exciting but also overwhelming and confusing. Law enforcement leaders can't be expected to know everything when it comes to new technology. Session attendees will gain a greater sense of the tools available to potentially address public safety challenges and how to assess both their own priorities, and the suitability of specific solutions for their agency. This content is thorough but has been designed to be interesting and easily understood for non-technical stakeholders.

PRESERVING COMMUNITY TRUST

Adopting technology can enhance the capability of public safety but must be balanced with the expectations of the community an agency serves. National demands for criminal justice reform, particularly in the area of transparency and accountability require that we effectively engage our communities and elected officials before acquiring technical solutions. Session attendees will hear about real-world examples of community engagement and public transparency initiatives and how certain strategies can work for their agency.

ADOPTING SOUND POLICY

Public Safety technology solutions are often discussed in terms of being good or bad. Rarely is technology an "all-or-nothing" proposition. Often, specific issues cause concern that can be addressed with sound policy. Appropriate guardrails can be adopted that don't have to limit a tool's effectiveness. We will discuss technical issues as well how to approach policy with the intent of realizing practical and equitable outcomes.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Technical programs have distinct challenges related to sustainability and budgeting. Attendees will glean insights to anticipate such issues, and identify financial strategies that can be used to address them. Attendees will better understand how to conduct an effective and defensible procurement process that yields both the best technical solutions, AND the best business terms for their agency.

About the instructor:

Christian Quinn has been a featured speaker throughout the U.S. and internationally. He has served as an instructor at the National Public Safety Innovation Academy, a guest instructor at the FBI National Academy, and as a guest speaker at several universities. He is a certified law enforcement instructor and has developed curriculum and delivered training at multiple police academies.

Mr. Quinn retired from the Fairfax County (VA) Police Department in 2021. He served as the Deputy Chief of Cyber & Forensics, and was responsible for several other key technical initiatives including body-worn cameras, unmanned aerial systems, ballistic identification, and implementing a mobile crime lab program. Mr. Quinn is the founder of Fulcrum Innovation LLC, a consulting practice focused on public sector technology and associated policy and business issues.

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