

Under Investigation

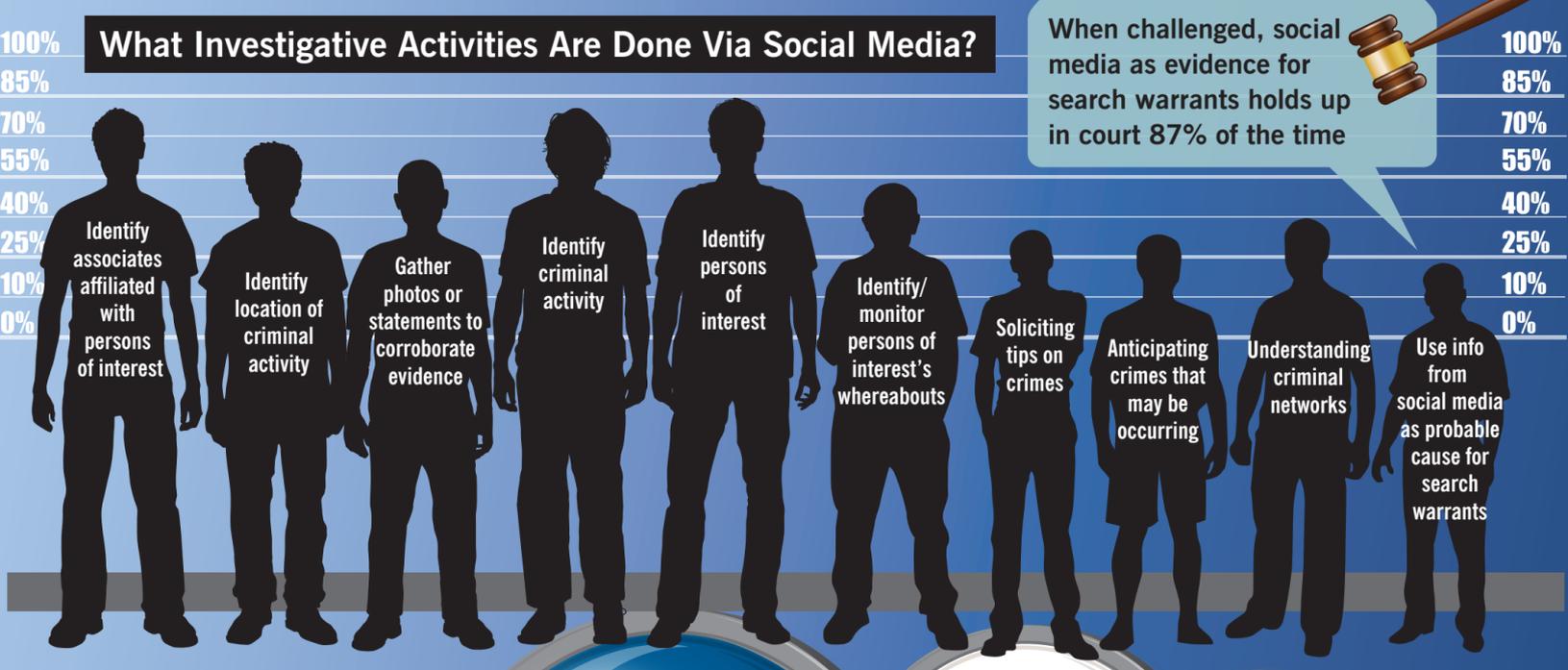
Social Media Use by Law Enforcement



Missing Persons Report
 4 out of 5 officers use social media for investigative purposes. Other uses include community outreach, soliciting crime tips, notifying the public and recruitment.

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When challenged, social media as evidence for search warrants holds up in court 87% of the time

Which Social Media Sites Are Used for Investigations at Least Monthly?



Training Day

How do law enforcement professionals learn to use social media?

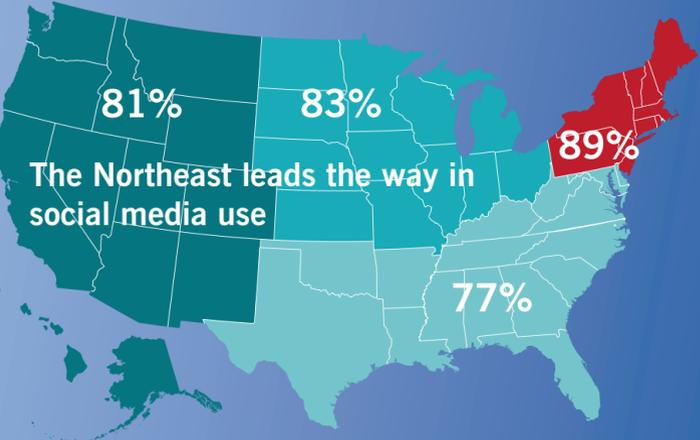


- Self-trained by getting on and navigating social media sites
- Brought knowledge from personal use
- Working with a colleague who uses social media
- With information from the general media or online
- At a seminar or conference that was dedicated to social media
- Training given at agency

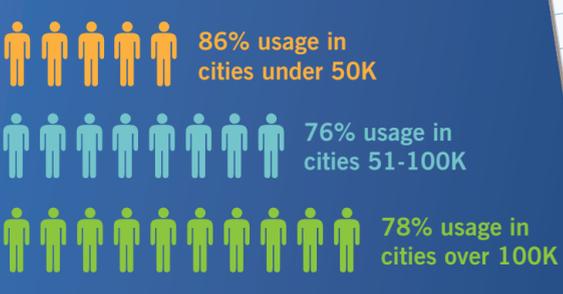


2/3 believe social media helps solve crimes more quickly

Who Is Using Social Media for Investigative Purposes?



Agencies serving smaller populations and with fewer sworn personnel use social media more often



True Crime Stories
 Social media is a valuable tool because you are able to see the activities of a target in his comfortable stage. Targets brag and post illicit valuable information in reference to travel, hobbies, places visited, functions, appointments, circle of friends, family members, relationships, actions, etc.

A terroristic threat involving high school students was discovered. An investigation that included Facebook revealed a student intent on harming others. The student was in the process of acquiring weapons. It's my belief we avoided a "Columbine" type of scenario.

Results are based on an online survey conducted in partnership with the PoliceOne.com community. A total of 1,221 law enforcement professionals participated. June 2012. To read more, visit www.lexisnexis.com/investigations.