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Overview

The National Computer Forensics Institute (NCFI), located in Hoover, Alabama, is the nation's premier federally funded training center committed to the instruction of state and local law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and judges in cybercrime investigations and cyber incident response. NCFI empowers state and local law enforcement and the U.S. Secret Service's network of Cyber Fraud Task Forces through provision of technical, hands-on training in network incident response and digital evidence process, to include applicable case law for high-tech crime prosecution.

"THE PROGRAM REMAINS THE ONLY ONE OF ITS KIND AND SCALE IN THE COUNTRY."
The New York Times - Nicholas Fandos - July 20, 2017

Established in 2008, through a partnership initiative between DHS, the Secret Service, the State of Alabama District Attorneys Association, and the City of Hoover, the NCFI has trained more than 23,000 state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) law enforcement, prosecutor, and judicial officials. Trainees hail from more than 2,500 agencies throughout all 50 states and five U.S. territories. Since 2017, the NCFI has trained almost 70% of its total graduate population and issued more than \$100 million in computer hardware and software equipment to SLTT digital forensics examiners.

NCFI Authorization

On December 23, 2022, President Biden signed into law the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023. This bill formally reauthorized the Secret Service to continue operation of NCFI for fiscal years 2023 to 2028.

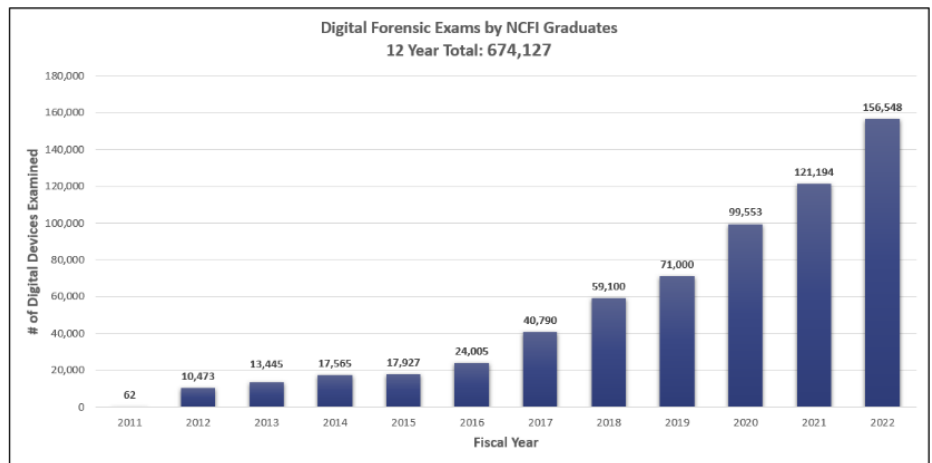
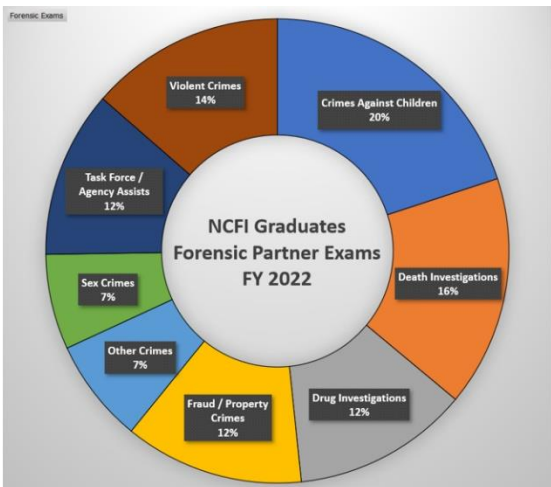
Under this Act, NCFI's mission continues to prioritize training of state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and judges, but has been enhanced to include Federal employees and members of the uniformed services who are participants in the U.S. Secret Service's network of Cyber Fraud Task Forces (CFTF). The reauthorization enables the NCFI to continue provision of equipment needed to conduct criminal investigations and digital forensics examinations to SLTT law enforcement personnel from geographically diverse jurisdictions throughout the United States. A

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subsequent 5-year growth plan established annual training benchmarks, which set the NCFI facility reaching max capacity at 8,000 SLTT students trained in FY 2027.

The impact of the NCFI's training mission on SLTT law enforcement is evident firsthand through the division's Forensic Partner Reporting program. Graduates of NCFI's basic and advanced digital forensic examiner courses utilize Secret Service-issued computer hardware and software equipment and conduct forensic examinations in all types of criminal investigation across the nation. In FY 2017, participants reported



approximately 40,000 digital forensic exams. Reporting for FY 2022 was at an all-time high, in which partners conducted over 156,000 exams and analyzed more than 26 petabytes of data. More than half of all exams reported involved violent crime investigations, to include homicide, robbery, rape, and child exploitation. Since reporting began in 2011, SLTT partners have reported more than 680,000 digital forensics exams. Over 80% of these exams conducted since FY 2017.

DHS Deputy Secretary John Tien and Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle Attend NCFI Cyber Games



Dedication of New NCFI Classroom 7, Enabling Additional 1,500 Students Trained Annually

| Year | Budget | Trained |
|------|-------------|---------|
| 2008 | \$4 Million | 264 |
| 2009 | \$4 M | 304 |
| 2010 | \$4 M | 368 |
| 2011 | \$4 M | 440 |
| 2012 | \$4 M | 671 |
| 2013 | \$4 M | 506 |
| 2014 | \$7.5 M | 920 |
| 2015 | \$12 M | 1,111* |
| 2016 | \$12 M | 1,185* |
| 2017 | \$13 M | 1,072 |
| 2018 | \$18 M | 1,509 |
| 2019 | \$25 M | 1,948 |
| 2020 | \$30.3 M | 2,886^ |
| 2021 | \$34.3 M | 3,718 |
| 2022 | \$42.9 M | 4,321 |
| 2023 | \$45.5 M | 4,500^a |

Total Trained: 25,723
 *Includes NDCAC-funded students
 ^In-Person + Virtual Classes (due to CV-19)
 ^Projected total FY 23

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