

**RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**  
**Municipal Police Training Academy**

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## **RIMPTA Training Announcement**

# **EBT Fraud Investigations and Trafficking**

**Program Date:** March 19, 2025

**Time:** 0900 – 1300 hours

**Location:** RI Department of Public Safety  
RIMPTA Classroom  
CCRI Lincoln

The State of Rhode Island, Office of Internal Audit investigates DHS fraud, including SNAP (EBT), cash and other public assistance. EBT Trafficking is a nationwide fraudulent activity involving individuals who buy, sell or trade SNAP benefits for cash or other consideration. This training will provide in-depth understanding of how trafficking occurs, identifying and investigating these activities. If an individual is suspected or found guilty of SNAP fraud, individuals and SNAP retailers face legal repercussions such as disqualifications, fines, and/or criminal penalties.

Topics include:

- Understanding the role of the Office of Internal Audits, Fraud Detection and Prevention Unit.
- Develop skills in identifying the fraud schemes relating to EBT trafficking.
- Defining the differences between skimming, stolen EBT cards and trafficking.
- Learn how to identify the fraud schemes by knowing the right questions to ask the complainant.
- Understanding the different charges related to SNAP fraud based on the RI General Laws.
- Disclosure of SNAP recipient information.
- How to collaborate with other government agencies in joint prosecution.
- How EBT fraud in conjunction with additional charges can assist in prosecution.
- SNAP Disqualification Consent Agreement as part of a plea deal.

**Course Instructors:**

- **Kimberly Seebeck, CFE, CWFI, Sr. Internal Audit Manager. Kim has worked in the judiciary system for 22 years and moved to the Office of Internal Audits in 2016 to manage the Fraud Unit.**
- **Brittney Badway, CFE, CWFI, Internal Audit Manager. Brittney has been with the Office of Internal Audits since 2018.**
- **Timothy Lackie, Retired LT. Narragansett Police Department. Tim has been with Office of Internal Audits since 2023. Timothy was hired to specifically investigate trafficking cases.**

**Who should attend: Members of agency training divisions, patrol officers, first line supervisors, and detectives.**

Dress for this workshop will be uniform of the day or business casual attire.

This workshop is offered free of charge. To register, please complete the attached registration form and fax or e-mail to Mrs. Donna Lavalley at (401) 205-2501, [donna.lavalley@risp.gov](mailto:donna.lavalley@risp.gov), by March 12, 2025.

For any questions regarding the training, please contact Gary Driscoll, Director of Continuing Education, at (401) 205-1678, or [gary.driscoll@risp.gov](mailto:gary.driscoll@risp.gov).

For more information regarding the Rhode Island Department of Public Safety Municipal Police Training Academy please go to: [www.rimpa.ri.gov](http://www.rimpa.ri.gov).



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