SEC-01 Member Vetting Investigator Training

Nine lessons. Two tracks. One defensible decision. This is how you build a vetting process that actually works.

BOTTOM LINE UP FRONT

Most mutual assistance groups admit members based on personal connection, shared values, and intuition. This works until it doesn't -- and when it fails, it fails inside your security perimeter. This curriculum trains the MAG Vetting Officer to run a two-track investigation -- security background and character assessment -- drawn from FM 2-22.3, SOE doctrine, and law enforcement background investigation practice, adapted entirely for a civilian preparedness context.

WHY THIS MATTERS

Your group's security is only as solid as your vetting process. Personal vouching is not vetting -- and the difference matters when someone is inside the wire.

Every infiltration and insider threat in group history started with admission. Most groups have no structured vetting process at all -- instinct, personal relationships, and the hope that shared politics means shared values. This curriculum replaces that with a two-track investigative framework: security background to establish the factual record, and character assessment to evaluate what the record cannot capture.

The methodology is drawn from the same doctrine used by military intelligence collectors and law enforcement background investigators, adapted from scratch for civilian preparedness use -- with candidate profiles, investigation worksheets, and a certification capstone before you conduct your first live investigation.

▶ **There is no other vetting curriculum designed for preparedness groups anywhere. This is a capability gap in the community -- and this course closes it.**

TWO-TRACK INVESTIGATION STRUCTURE

Track 1 -- Security (Lessons 1-4)	Who is this person, what does the record show, and are they lying about it? EEI planning, OSINT investigation, reference elicitation past the halo effect, structured interview with FM 2-22.3 deceit detection.
Track 2 -- Character (Lessons 5-8)	Will they do what they committed to when it costs something? SOE motive sustainability, character reference protocol, values and judgment scenario interview, synthesis, confidence language, ongoing accountability.

THE NINE LESSONS

00	**Orientation** Why most MAGs skip vetting and what it costs. Three failure patterns. The SOE precedent.
01	**Investigator Mindset & Collection Plan** Threat actor categories, why vouching fails, EEI planning before you open a browser, how relationships degrade the investigation.
02	**Open Source Investigation** Public records, social media sweeps, extremism and gang indicators, traceability standard, symbol reference.
03	**Reference Elicitation** Selecting sources, the four elicitation questions, reading what references don't say, collecting past social pressure to be positive.
04	**Structured Interview & Assessment** Four-phase structure, baseline calibration, FM 2-22.3 deceit indicators, behavioral cluster reading, writing the defensible assessment.
05	**What You Are Really Looking For** Security vetting vs. character assessment. SOE motive sustainability framework. Why the record misses what matters most.
06	**Character Reference Protocol** The three questions that surface character, and how to read what is said versus what is volunteered.
07	**Values and Judgment Interview** Eight scenario questions that reveal how a candidate reasons under conflict and pressure.
08-09	**Complete Decision, Accountability & Certification** Synthesizing both tracks, confidence language, onboarding, probationary structure. Followed by four full-case calibration scenarios with ground truths -- complete before conducting a live investigation.

COURSE DETAILS **Each Lesson:** Doctrine (FM 2-22.3, SOE, DCSA CI) · Application · Candidate profiles · Worksheets WS-1/WS-2/WS-3 · Knowledge checks · Gated navigation **Formats:** Self-Study · Instructor-Led **Prerequisite:**

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