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**Upon instruction of the Chairman of the Investigative Committee of Russia the departments on the organization of cybercrime investigations are create on the basis of the Committee academies**



Modern technology has not only made our lives more comfortable, but has also become a fertile field for misconduct. Due to the high digitalization of society and the growth of cybercrime, the Chairman of the Investigative Committee of Russia, Alexander Bastrykin, instructed to create specialized units - "Departments of information technology and organization of cybercrime investigations" on the basis of the St. Petersburg and Moscow Academies of the Investigative Committee of Russia.

If for law-abiding citizens digitalization is a good tool for self-development, the abusers use scientific and technological progress for personal illegal earnings. And their victims are ordinary citizens, including children and pensioners. This is why the creation of specialized departments is a challenge of our time.

The both Committee academies have already begun recruiting teaching staff, updating educational programs, and creating training grounds. As part of the training, highly qualified specialists in the

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field of IT-technologies will provide scientific and practical training for students to work specifically in the investigation of crimes committed with the help of the latest technology.

The academies also began developing new courses for future investigators: "The Basics of Cybersecurity"; "Using Information Technology to Investigate Digital Traces". To implement the new project, the St. Petersburg Academy is working with ITMO University, the St. Petersburg State University of Telecommunications named after Prof. M.A. Bonch-Bruевич, the St. Petersburg Polytechnic University Peter the Great and employees of organizations with which agreements on cooperation (in particular, with the Laboratory of problems of computer security) have been concluded.

A textbook entitled "Detection and Investigation of Crimes Committed with the Use of Information and Telecommunication Technologies or in the Field of Computer Information" was prepared for use in the educational process.

It is important to note that the employees of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation are constantly improving their qualifications. To train employees of territorial investigative bodies, the St. Petersburg Academy of the Investigative Committee has developed new additional professional programs "Investigation of crimes in the field of information, telecommunications and high technologies", "Investigation of crimes committed using digital currency and digital financial assets". Their implementation will begin in October 2021.

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