

## P R E F A C E

This *Professional Investigator's Manual* would not be possible without the collaboration of many contributors whose experience, guidance, and wisdom are reflected throughout the finished work. The breadth and depth of this manual appeals to those interested in understanding what investigators do, as well as those starting out in the profession and veteran investigators seeking to hone their skills or seek professional credentials through certification.

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Our hope is that the *Professional Investigator's Manual* becomes an important source of professional insight for those who read it and that it stimulates serious dialogue between and among security professionals.

With all these objectives in mind, we present to you the *Professional Investigator's Manual*, in the sincere belief it will enhance your knowledge in the world of investigations.

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