



## CP Network Operations Course

The **CP Networks Operations Course** (CP-NOC) is a seminar devoted to combatting WMD proliferation networks run by U.S. adversaries, be they state or terrorist-sponsored. The CP-NOC uses highly experienced senior CIA Operations Officers of the MDO Group who have conducted unique high impact FI and CA ops against WMD targets throughout their careers. The course examines what comprises a proliferation network and the challenges they present to U.S. national security and the analytical and operational approaches used to combat them. There are discussions of China, Pakistan, Russia and Iran and the threats that they present. Supply chains, covert action authorities, commercial operations, direct approaches and the use of liaison are covered in depth.

Throughout the week the students are presented with a very realistic three-part Network Operations Exercise and work in small teams in conjunction with one of the CIA Senior Ops Mentors to devise a sound analytical and operational plan to disrupt and/or infiltrate the network. This team approach of case officers, analysts, targeting officers and technical officers is emphasized during the course, and they present their operational and analytical solutions to the class and Senior Ops Mentors for feedback on the next to last day of class. The teams are evaluated on creativity, resourcefulness, focus and the projected outcome for U.S. national security.

On the last day of class, Jim Lawler, who headed the A.Q. Khan Takedown Team, presents a comprehensive presentation on how the world's most dangerous nuclear proliferation network was destroyed. (Please see the Trailblazer Award at the end of the catalog below.) Lessons learned and failures are also discussed.

The CP-NOC can accommodate up to 30 students.