## **Digital media investigator**

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Public order public safety (POPS) commanders should appoint a digital media investigator (DMI) to support POPS events and operations that require specialist digital investigative assistance.

DMIs can assist and advise in support of real-time spontaneous POPS events and operations, as well as any subsequent investigations.

DMIs should support the development of a digital strategy with a POPS commander to reach objectives for how digital media can support the POPS operation.

POPS commanders should liaise with the DMI at the earliest opportunity to minimise potential data loss and maximise investigative opportunities.

Additional supporting resources include the following on College Learn (you will need to log in).

- Unlocking digital potential
- Managing the digital mountain

Forces should refer to the **Extraction of material from digital devices APP**, where this is required as part of any intelligence gathering function or from an investigative perspective.

