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Who are the OCI Special Agents

The Office of Criminal Investigations' (OCI) experienced special agents employ a traditional law enforcement approach to the systematic collection of evidence necessary to ensure successful criminal prosecutions. OCI provides its special agents with numerous resources to support investigations such as an experienced staff of investigative analysts, technical equipment specialist, polygraph examiners, and special agents trained in computer forensics. OCI Special Agents are dedicated to protecting the health and welfare of the public by investigating criminal allegations falling within the jurisdiction of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

OCI Special Agents:

- Are hired from other federal law enforcement agencies such as the US Secret Service, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, US Postal Inspection Service, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and others.
- Bring prior experience using traditional law enforcement methods, professional contacts, and investigative techniques.
- Have the federal statutory authority and capabilities of a well-equipped federal law enforcement organization to obtain and execute arrest and search warrants, carry firearms, and gather evidence to enforce the United States criminal law.
- Attend OCI specific training at the Federal Law Enforcement Center ([FLETC](#)¹) in Glynco, Georgia
- Continue to receive instruction in areas designed to enhance job performance and promote career development. These areas include the FDA Food and Drug Law course, interviewing techniques, financial crimes, computer forensics, asset forfeiture, continuing legal education, Internet investigations, and management and leadership training.

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