The Blockchain Alliance

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The Blockchain Alliance: Summary

- Mission: To provide a public-private forum for open dialogue between industry and law enforcement and regulatory agencies, in order to help combat criminal activity on the blockchain
  - Founded by the Chamber of Digital Commerce and Coin Center
  - Administered and advised by Steptoe & Johnson LLP

- The Blockchain Alliance brings together some of the brightest minds in the blockchain ecosystem to serve as a resource for law enforcement and regulatory agencies

- The Blockchain Alliance provides education, technical assistance, and periodic informational sessions regarding Bitcoin and other digital currencies, as well as other uses of the blockchain and distributed ledger technology
The Blockchain Alliance: History

- Industry-driven effort to proactively engage with law enforcement and regulatory agencies
  - Created by industry, rather than by law enforcement

- Co-founded by the Chamber of Digital Commerce and Coin Center

- Director: Jason Weinstein, former Deputy Assistant Attorney General and Assistant United States Attorney; Counsel: Steptoe & Johnson LLP

- First monthly call in November 2015; first informational webinar in March 2016
The Blockchain Alliance: Members

Industry Members
- BitFury
- BitFinex, BitPesa, Bitso, Bitstamp, Bitrrex, Coinbase, CoinX, Gyft, itBit, Kraken, Noble Markets
- BitGo, Xapo
- BitPay, Circle, Ripple, Zcash
- Bitwage, Blockchain, Bloq, Netki, XNotes
- Blockchain Intelligence Group, Blockseer, Chainalysis, CipherTrace, Elliptic, Skry
- MIT Media Lab

Government Partners
- Europol, Interpol
- FinCEN, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Securities and Exchange Commission, Federal Trade Commission, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
- California Attorney General’s Office, California Highway Patrol, Texas Attorney General’s Office, NY County (Manhattan) District Attorney’s Office, Ulster County District Attorney’s Office
- Australian Federal Police, Commonwealth Secretariat, New South Wales Police Force (AUS), Ontario Provincial Police (CAN)
The Blockchain Alliance: Informational Webinars

Past Webinars:
- Blockchain 101 (March 2016)
- Blockchain Analytics (April 2016)
- Mixers, Tumblers, and Other Anonymizing Techniques I (June 2016)
- Wallets, Exchanges, and Payment Processors (July 2016)
- Tracing Bitcoin Transactions (October 2016)
- Beyond Bitcoin—Other Digital Currencies and Blockchains (November 2016)

Upcoming Topics:
- The Dark Web/Monero
- Quantum Computing
- Tracing Bitcoin Transactions and Anonymizing Techniques

All sessions are recorded and archived, and can be viewed later by law enforcement and regulatory agency personnel
The Blockchain Alliance: Projects

- Industry Guide for Law Enforcement
- Law Enforcement Guide for Industry
- Law Enforcement Request System (LERS)
- Information Sharing and Analysis Organization
- Banking Summit
- Ransomware Project
- Blockchain Analytics Resource Guide for Law Enforcement

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