

Calendar of Events

March 9, 2026
- March 13, 2026

Crime Scene Reconstruction
IPTM - University of North Florida
12000 Alumni Drive
Jacksonville, FL 32224
08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST
Mary Ankenbauer, 904-620-4786
info@iptm.org

Designed for experienced investigators and crime scene technicians, this advanced course teaches the use of scientific methods, evidence analysis and deductive reasoning in determining the series of events in a crime and accurately reconstructing the resulting crime scene.

We will show you time proven techniques and the procedures to follow in reconstructing a variety of different incidents within a scene, from the identification and analysis of the evidence to the documentation and presentation of your findings.

As part of the course, you will participate in practical exercises designed to strengthen your knowledge in areas such as bloodstain pattern analysis, pattern evidence and gunshot trajectory reconstruction. You will participate in useful testing and experimentation involving evidence, to include a live fire shooting of a vehicle at the range. In addition, you will learn how to determine the degree of certainty in your findings.

To successfully complete the course, you will work with several actual case studies, completing the reconstruction of the crime scenes and presenting your findings to the class.

Topics Include

Sources of information and evidence
Dynamics of the reconstruction process
Bloodstain pattern analysis
The reconstruction model
Pattern evidence and analysis
Trajectory reconstruction
Courtroom testimony and Daubert hearing preparation
Reconstruction procedures

Audience

Experienced investigators and crime scene technicians, seasoned detectives, investigations supervisors, medical examiner and coroner investigators, and military investigative personnel

This course is restricted to active sworn and non-sworn law enforcement and medical examiner personnel.

March 9, 2026
- March 11, 2026

Managing the Detective Unit
Altamonte Springs Police Department
225 Newburyport Avenue
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701

08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST
Mary Ankenbauer, 9046204786
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This course focuses on the effective and efficient management of detective unit personnel, procedures, and investigations in order to improve organizational processes and increase clearance and arrest rates.

The objectives of this program are two-fold: one addresses the administrative requirements for managing the criminal investigative process; the other focuses on managing the operations of the investigative unit. We will examine several strategies, policies, and forms that are designed to make the management of the investigative unit more effective. You will learn efficient and productive techniques and systems enabling you to better control personnel, paper flow and daily job routines.

Topics Include

Organization of the detective unit
Manpower allocation in the detective unit
Detective supervisory considerations
Distributing workloads and case assignments
Investigative filing
Case review and management systems
Evaluating performance of investigative personnel
Managing the investigative marginal performer
Intergenerational management issues
Supervisory and command leadership

Audience

Sworn law enforcement personnel, new detective unit supervisors or commanders, veteran supervisors given an investigative command assignment, patrol supervisors who aspire to a position in command of an investigative unit.

This course is restricted to sworn and non-sworn law enforcement personnel.

March 16, 2026
- March 20, 2026

Homicide Investigation
IPTM - University of North Florida
12000 Alumni Drive
Jacksonville, FL 32224

08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST
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Whether you are the first responder or the lead investigator, this course will give you the knowledge and skills to thoroughly and professionally investigate any possible homicide situation.

We will show you the various types of homicides that you may encounter and common approaches to each. You will learn a systematic process for handling the crime scene, from the initial approach through scene documentation and evidence collection. And, you'll see how the latest technology and forensic sciences can assist you in your investigation.

Beyond the crime scene, you'll also learn about criminal profiling, interrogation techniques and how to handle the news media's involvement.

Topics Include

Death scene preservation
Duties of the first officer on the scene
Investigative procedures at the death scene
Team approach to death investigations
Autoerotic death investigations
Causes and manner of death
Time of death determination
Criminal personality profiling
Organized vs. disorganized crime scenes
Death scene search techniques
Handling the news media in death investigations
Suicide investigations
Homicide interrogation techniques

Audience

Patrol officers, newly assigned and seasoned detectives, investigations supervisors, crime scene technicians, medical examiner and coroner investigators, military investigative personnel

Class is restricted to sworn law enforcement officers and those personnel assigned directly to law enforcement agencies.

March 16, 2026
- March 17, 2026

Understanding How Bloodstain Analysis Affects and Investigation
Florida's Forensic Institute for Research, Security, and Tactics (F1RST)
10371 Charles Bo Harrison Way
Land O Lakes, FL 34637
08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST
F1RST, 727-647-6068

<https://www.floridasfirst.org/contact>

This course is designed to bring a cohesive understanding of the cause, effect and implications of various bloodstains and patterns for both the Crime Scene Technicians documenting the scene and the detectives investigating the crime. The course will show technicians and investigators how to work together to properly take the bloodstain evidence from the scene to the courtroom.

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to:

Be able to document, preserve and examine bloodstain pattern evidence
Be acquainted with the practical aspects of bloodstain pattern analysis
Be able to select bloodstains for DNA analysis of greatest probative value
Understand how to prepare the evidence for presentation in court

Eligible for 16 IAI Certification Hours

Instructor: Anna M. Cox, MFS has worked in Forensics for over 23 years. Cox has provided bloodstain pattern analysis and conclusions in over 215 violent cases across the United States, and in federal and military jurisdictions.

**Note: this class is primarily for Detectives looking to get a better understanding of bloodstain analysis without the hands-on lab activities offered in the Basic Bloodstain Analysis course.*

March 19, 2026

****FREE TRAINING ** Vehicle Processing: Foundations and Hands-On Techniques**
Seminole County Sheriff's Office
100 Eslinger Way
Sanford, FL 32773

08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

Heather White, 4076656781

HeatherWhite@seminolesheriff.org

This hands-on course is designed for new crime scene investigators in the field who want a practical introduction to vehicle processing. Participants will learn a processing flow to safely and accurately document, search, and collect evidence from vehicles. Participants will learn the unique challenges vehicles present compared to other crime scenes. Participants will actively process a vehicle in groups from start to finish (photography, notetaking, black powder processing, swabbing for potential DNA, inventory, searching, and collecting). No prior vehicle processing experience is required – this course is ideal for entry-level investigators or investigators seeking a refresher. Please bring a camera, flash, and notepad. The course will be both indoors for instruction and outdoors for practical exercises. This course is limited to 24 participants. Priority seating to FDIAl members.

March 23, 2026
- March 27, 2026

Crime Scene Photography
Flagler County Sheriff Office
61 Sheriff EW Johnston Drive
Bunnell, FL 32110
08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST
Gabiella Massa, 386-586-4876
gmassa@flaglersheriff.com

March 23, 2026
- March 25, 2026

Advanced Homicide Investigation
IPTM - University of North Florida
12000 Alumni Drive
Jacksonville, FL 32224
08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST
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This course will further enhance the skills you acquired in IPTM's Homicide Investigation course and supply you with the knowledge and abilities to handle even the most challenging homicide investigations.

You will learn how to organize a complex homicide investigation and how to apply advanced forensic techniques to the case. We will discuss criminal profiling and abnormal psychology and you will learn specific interrogation techniques to use on the suspects.

Lectures during the course will be held to a minimum. Instead, emphasis will be placed on practical exercises. You will be provided the opportunity to apply the skills you have acquired while studying complex homicide cases presented by the instructors.

Topics Include

Organization of a complex homicide investigation
Criminal investigative analysis (criminal profiling)
Abnormal psychology for investigators
Interrogation techniques for homicide suspects
Application of advanced forensic techniques
Reconstruction of a high profile homicide case

Audience

Patrol officers, newly assigned and seasoned detectives, investigations supervisors, crime scene technicians, medical examiner and coroner investigators, military investigative personnel

This class is restricted to sworn law enforcement officers and those personnel assigned directly to law enforcement agencies.

March 23, 2026
- March 27, 2026

IAI Certification Test Preparation: CCSI, CCSA, CSCSA
Coral Springs Police Department
2801 Coral Springs Drive
Coral Springs, FL 33065
08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST
CSI Melissa Gibson, (954) 346-1347
mlgibson@coralsprings.gov
COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This 28-hour course is specifically designed with the goal of enabling students to pass whichever level of the crime scene certification level examination that they are preparing to become certified for in the near future. This is a concentrated and rapidly-moving review of either two or three books (depending on the examination that you are testing to pass). Each book review will have numerous pre-testing examinations composed of hundreds of extracted questions covering every chapter so that students attending will know their areas of strengths and weaknesses to focus on. Whether novice or experienced, this class is a must for maximizing the chances of successfully passing the examination to improve your credentials and professionalism by becoming certified in the crime scene specialty. Students who attend this course will have a distinct advantage over those who have not attended this dedicated and intensive review course when it comes to testing for IAI certification examinations. Please be aware that the tuition fee listed above covers only the Forensic Pieces course tuition. Examination and application fees are to be handled with the IAI. The International Association for Identification Crime Scene Certification Board will work with the hosting facility to facilitate a proctor to be present for the last day of class in order for the students to sit for the examination. If you plan to take the test after this course, you must have your application submitted to the IAI and approved at least 30 days prior to taking the exam and should be familiar with the application requirements that can be found at the following link: https://www.theiai.org/crime_scene.php. THIS COURSE IS A BOOK REVIEW. In order to maximize benefits from taking this course, any registrant must read & bring each book used as of for the module being tested or studied for (this brochure lists IAI update made 7/18/2025 below) Please view manual on pages 41-42 for current literature:

Certified Crime Scene Investigator (CCSI)
Practical Crime Scene Processing and Investigation, 3rd edition, by Ross M. Gardner, 2019, CRC Press.
Crime Scene Photography, 3rd Edition, by Edward Robinson, 2016, Academic Press Elsevier, Inc. (All chapters and glossary EXCLUDING chapters 8, subchapters 9.4, 9.6, 9.7, 9.8, and chapters 10-12).
Certified Crime Scene Analyst (CCSA)

Practical Crime Scene Processing and Investigation, 3rd edition, Ross M. Gardner, 2019, CRC

Press.

Crime Scene Photography, 3rd Edition, by Edward Robinson, 2016, Academic Press Elsevier, Inc.

(All chapters and glossary EXCLUDING chapter 8, subchapters 9.4, 9.6, 9.7, and chapters 10 & 11).

Practical Analysis and Reconstruction of Shooting Incidents, Second Edition, Edward E. Hueske, 2021, CRC Press (All Chapters & Glossary EXCLUDING 2, 14, 18, and 20).

Certified Senior Crime Scene Analyst (CSCSA)

Crime Scene Photography, 3rd Edition, by Edward Robinson, 2016, Academic Press-Elsevier, Inc.

(All Chapters EXCEPT 1, Subchapters 9.4, 9.6 and 9.7, and Pages 712-735)

Effective Expert Witnessing: Practices for the 21st Century, 5th ed. By Matson, Jack V., 2013,

CRC Press (All chapters EXCEPT 8 and 9)

Forensic Science: An Introduction to Scientific and Investigative Techniques, 4th edition by

James, Stuart H., Nordby, Jon J., and Bell, Suzanne, 2013, CRC Press

IF YOU NEED CLARIFICATION ON ANY READING MATERIAL AS LISTED ABOVE, PLEASE CALL THE IAI DIRECTLY AT (954) 589-0628

March 23, 2026
- March 25, 2026

Burglary/Robbery Investigations: Current Trends

IPTM

12000 Alumni Drive

Jacksonville, FL 32224

08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

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This course will provide you with insight into the latest trends of property crimes to include larceny, auto theft, and burglary. It will also give you a well-rounded understanding of the various types of person crimes such as battery, aggravated assault and robbery.

You will learn how burglars approach their crimes, how they learn their trade and the techniques and tools used by today's offenders. When it comes to persons crimes, we'll show you methods for investigating each type and explain how to apply available resources and manage the legal system in order to bring cases to a successful conclusion.

We will present techniques that can help you locate valuable evidence and determine how the crime occurred. You will learn how to identify and gather physical evidence, conduct effective victim/witness interviews, and use subpoenas and search warrants during the course of your investigation. We will also discuss strategies for operational plans, stakeouts, the use of media to solve cases, and the use of informants to help you stop the crimes before they occur.

Topics Include

Property crime types

Larceny (theft)

Auto theft

Burglary

Person crime types

Assault/Battery

Robbery

Rape (sexual battery)

Solvability factors and investigative steps

Solvability factors

Case status/disposition

Investigative procedure/technique

Responding to the initial scene

Victim/Witness trauma and how to deal with it

Victim/Witness/Offender profiling

Your leadership role as a detective

Crime scene purview

Resources and applications

*Intelligence gathering
ViCap/AFIS
Background databases
Media to solve cases*

Legal issues

*4th, 5th, & 6th Amendments
Subpoenas/Warrants
Operational plan*

Interrogation tactics

*Statement analysis/Truth verification
Non-verbal indicators
Soliciting a statement*

Case management

*Department of Justice UCR
National trends
Stats and what they mean to you*

March 25, 2026
- March 27, 2026

Mass Casualty Preparedness for Crime Scene

**Florida's Forensic Institute for Research, Security, and Tactics (F1RST) - Building I
10370 Charles Bo Harrison Way
Land O Lakes, FL 34637
08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST
Joe Torok, 7547027242
joe@csiforensicfoundations.com**

This 3 day class is designed for crime scene investigators, detectives, and anyone tasked with processing crime scenes. This class introduces students to strategies for dealing with a large-scale mass casualty event. Participants will follow along with 3 case studies before being introduced to the Incident Command System and ways to have multiple agencies work together to quickly, methodically, and effectively process a large incident. The class will participate in round table exercises as well as work a mock mass casualty scene as a large group of people who may not generally work together. In today's society unfortunately it's not if, but when the next event happens. This class will prepare the investigators to handle a complex, multifaceted crime scene that encompasses numerous scenes and locations while incorporating resources from all agencies who have responded. This class is approved by the I. A. I. for 24 hours towards certification or recertification.

March 30, 2026
- April 3, 2026

Interviews and Interrogations
IPTM - University of North Florida
12000 Alumni Drive
Jacksonville, FL 32224

08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

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This truly practical course will provide you with the skills to gain high quality information from individuals, no matter what their status might be in the investigation.

Topics Include

The verbal communication process

Witness memory enhancement

Flow of information

Interviewing process

Kinesics interview techniques

Detecting deception

Videotaping and recording interrogations

Interview of rape victims

Interview of child witnesses and victims

Criminal personality profiling for interviews

The effective interrogator

Legal aspects

Psychology of interrogations

The first three topics will stress the methods you can employ to establish rapport, improve feedback and become more discerning through efficient listening. An examination of the interviewing process will give you a structured interview to expand your ability to obtain accurate information and detect deception.

Through criminal personality profiling, you will be able to more accurately determine the personality type you are confronting and some of the interviewing techniques best suited to elicit information from that individual.

This course focuses on skill development and will enhance your ability to conduct effective interviews and interrogations.

Audience

Patrol officers, newly assigned and seasoned detectives, investigations supervisors, crime scene technicians, medical examiner and coroner investigators and military investigative personnel

This class is restricted to sworn law enforcement officers and those personnel assigned directly to law enforcement agencies.

March 31, 2026

Reading Firearms: A Forensic Guide to Safe Handling, Identification Markings, and Case Reactions
Gap Science

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM EST

Hilary Rodela, 5756429396

hilary@gapscience.com

This webinar walks attendees through the essential steps of safely handling a firearm, understanding its mechanical behavior, and recognizing the features that define its identity.

Participants will learn how to locate make, model, caliber, and serial number information across various firearm designs, and how these markings influence investigative pathways. This presentation will also highlight how to translate these observations into clear, complete, and courtroom-defensible documentation for evidence submissions and case files.

Whether you work at the scene, in the lab, or are studying to enter the forensic field, this session provides practical, actionable skills to support accurate firearm inspection and strengthen the forensic narrative behind every case.

April 3, 2026

Managing Your Professional Reputation: How You're Seen, Heard, and Remembered
Gap Science

12:00 PM - 01:30 PM EST

Hilary Rodela, 575-642-9396

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Reputation plays a critical role in credibility, trust, and professional effectiveness-but it is often misunderstood. Many people judge themselves by intent, effort, and values, while others form opinions based on observable behavior, communication style, and overall impact.

This webinar introduces the Reputation Triangle, a practical framework that examines the relationship between behavior, communication, and impact.

Participants will be guided through a structured self-assessment process designed to increase awareness of how they see themselves, how others may perceive them, and how open they are to feedback. Through facilitated discussion and a guided worksheet, attendees will identify perception gaps, recognize patterns that influence how they are received, and explore realistic, behavior-based adjustments that can improve professional interactions.

This webinar is designed for professionals who want to better understand how their behavior and communication impact how they are perceived by others. It is especially valuable for:

Professionals in roles where credibility, trust, and reputation are critical
Supervisors, managers, and team leads responsible for influencing others
Individuals who regularly communicate under pressure or in high-stakes situations
Professionals who receive feedback but are unsure how to translate it into change
Those seeking to improve self-awareness, communication effectiveness, and professional presence
Anyone interested in proactively managing their professional reputation rather than reacting to it.

No prior training is required.

This course is appropriate for professionals at all career stages.

April 13, 2026
- April 17, 2026

Bloodstain Interpretation
IPTM - University of North Florida
12000 Alumni Drive
Jacksonville, FL 32224

08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST
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Bloodstain pattern interpretation can play an important role in determining what happened at a crime scene. This intensive "hands-on" course will arm you with the skills to identify, analyze, document, and collect bloodstained evidence.

Through a variety of practical exercises, we will teach you how a bloodstain pattern is created and the physical mechanics involved. You will learn the various types of patterns that may be encountered and methods for determining their directionality and angles of impact on different surface textures. Together with an analysis of the evidence, you will see how to separate the patterns into events and determine the probable sequence in which they occurred.

We will also discuss the proper methods of photographing and documenting bloodstain patterns along with the proper handling and packaging of bloodstained evidence.

Topics Include

Origin of bloodstain patterns
Identification of stains and patterns
Collection and preservation of bloodstain evidence
Photography and documentation techniques
Interpretation of bloodstain patterns
Pattern analysis in scene reconstruction
Case preparation and presentation

Audience

Patrol officers, newly assigned and seasoned detectives, investigations supervisors, crime scene technicians, medical examiner and coroner investigators, military investigative personnel and prosecuting attorneys

This class is restricted to active sworn and non-sworn law enforcement, investigators, and prosecuting attorneys employed by governmental agencies.

April 13, 2026
- April 15, 2026

Forensic Blood Evidence Workshop | Detection, Enhancement & Investigation

St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office

4700 W. Midway Road

Fort Pierce, FL 34981

08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

Gap Science, 4075380104

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Are you ready to take your blood evidence detection and enhancement skills to the next level? Whether you're a crime scene investigator, lab analyst, detective, law enforcement officer, or student, this 3-day hands-on workshop will give you the confidence and skills you need to detect, process, and investigate bloody evidence like a pro.

In this unique course, you'll:

- Understand blood as forensic evidence — dive into the fundamentals of blood physiology and its significance in investigations.

- Master detection techniques — get hands-on practice with the cutting-edge Foster+Freeman Crime-lite AUTO to search for and document bloodstains on various surfaces. You'll also learn how to conduct presumptive and confirmatory testing on bloodstains by working with:

- Luminol*
- Bluestar*
- Phenolphthalein*
- OBTI test kits*

- Learn bloodstain enhancement methods — practice enhancing latent prints including how to select and apply the right fixatives and how to visualize developed latent prints with the Crime-lite AUTO using:

- Amido Black*
- Leucocrystal Violet*
- Acid Yellow 7*
- Acid Violet 17*
- Hungarian Red*
- Coomassie Blue*

- Refine your investigative approach — learn the proper sequence for processing bloody evidence to maximize investigative opportunities, ensuring you leave no stone unturned in your real-world cases.

April 13, 2026
- April 17, 2026

BASIC BLOODSTAIN PATTERN ANALYSIS
PINELLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE - FORENSIC SCIENCES DIVISION
4801 145TH AVENUE NORTH
CLEARWATER, FL 33762

08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST
HOLLY LATHAM, (785) 650-1842
bloodstainanalyst@live.com

This 40-hour training is designed for the student who wants to learn how to correctly classify and document bloodstain patterns. It will begin with the fundamental principles of BPA and theories behind pattern formation, and evolve to practical application including scenario based training and mock scenes.

Classroom presentations are supplemented with numerous hands-on activities, and more than 50% of the class is dedicated to practical application.

Topics Include:

Composition of blood
Physics of blood and blood in motion
Bloodstain terminology
BPA Methodology
BPA characteristics and classification
Documentation and collection
Area of Convergence and Origin
Case examples
Limitations of BPA
BPA reconstruction

April 17, 2026

Science, Standards, and Speaking: The Core of Friction Ridge Examination
Gap Science

01:00 PM - 01:00 PM EST
Hilary Rodela, 575-642-9396
hilary@gapscience.com

This training is an overview of important aspects of the friction ridge examination process for success in the Latent Print discipline.

Knowing the science, applying standards, and giving a voice to your case are the core responsibilities of your position as a Latent Print Examiner.

This class is geared towards students or professionals interested in joining the Latent Print field, trainees, or a refresher for practicing examiners.

April 21, 2026
- April 23, 2026

Staged Crime Scene Investigations

Pinellas County Sheriff's Office

4801 145Th Ave. North

Clearwater, FL 33762

08:00 AM - 05:30 PM EST

Amber Camacho & Kristen Stropes, (727) 464-6370

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Any deliberate effort made by an offender before police arrive to alter the pristine condition of a crime scene to purposely thwart the investigation and frustrate the overall criminal justice process is the essence of crime scene staging. Crime scene staging could be increasing due to public fascination with crime scene related media, enhanced awareness of forensic science application, and/or offenders' belief in their understanding of how crime scenes should look. This comprehensive, 24-hour course is designed for crime scene investigators, detectives, crime laboratory analysts, and other forensic professionals involved in crime scene examination related work. This course explores what is known about crime scene staging and instructs students on how to use a new methodology for the early detection and analysis of potentially staged crime scenes. This course also integrates critical documentation techniques used to create a permanent record of bloodstain pattern evidence and/or firearms-related incident evidence for the purpose of a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary crime scene reconstruction towards supporting or refuting claims made by a would-be crime scene stager .

These 24 course hours have been approved by the International Association of Identification (IAI) to be applied to credit hours used to acquire IAI Crime Scene Certification as well as re-certification

Instructor: Capt. Daniel Steelman

April 27, 2026
- May 1, 2026

Homicide Investigation
Eustis community Center
601 Northside Drive
Eustis, FL 32726

08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

Mary Ankenbauer, 904-620-4786

info@iptm.org

Whether you are the first responder or the lead investigator, this course will give you the knowledge and skills to thoroughly and professionally investigate any possible homicide situation.

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Death scene preservation

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Causes and manner of death

Time of death determination

Criminal personality profiling

Organized vs. disorganized crime scenes

Death scene search techniques

Handling the news media in death investigations

Suicide investigations

Homicide interrogation techniques

Audience

Patrol officers, newly assigned and seasoned detectives, investigations supervisors, crime scene technicians, medical examiner and coroner investigators, military investigative personnel

Class is restricted to sworn law enforcement officers and those personnel assigned directly to law enforcement agencies.

Course Length

40 hours

Note(s)

For Florida Officers, this course will not qualify for Salary Incentive Credit for FDLE course "Injury and Death Investigation."

April 27, 2026
- April 30, 2026

Ron Smith and Associates - Understanding Exclusion and Sufficiency Decisions
Florida Department of Law Enforcement
500 West Robinson Street
Orlando, FL 32801

08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST
Ron Mueller, 2393357527
ronmueller@fdle.state.fl.us

This 32-hour intermediate/advanced level course explores in depth and breadth the two concepts of "sufficiency" and "exclusion". Examiners routinely struggle with these concepts and this course offers both theoretical and practical learning tools to better understand these concepts. The course will explore sufficiency for "value" determinations, as well as "sufficiency for conclusions". The instructors will utilize current SWGFAST standards and ISO requirements when providing guidance on these topics. Students will explore several approaches for reducing erroneous exclusion rates and guidance is provided in the course for best practices based on the current research and literature available.

April 27, 2026
- May 1, 2026

Crime Scene Investigation Workshop
Miami Police Training Center
350 NW 2 Avenue Miami, FL 33128
Miami, FL 33128

08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST
TriTech Forensics, 910.457.6600
training@tritechusa.com

May 1, 2026

Beat the Board: Crime Scene Investigation Edition
Gap Science

01:00 PM - 02:30 PM EST
Hilary Rodela, 5756429396
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Landing a Crime Scene Investigator position can be competitive—and the interview process can feel intimidating if you're not sure what to expect. In this free live webinar, we'll walk you through exactly how to prepare so you can walk into your interview confident and ready to stand out. We'll cover:

- The different types of interview boards and hiring processes you may encounter*
- The most common questions CSI candidates are asked (and how to answer them)*
- Smart questions you should ask to show professionalism and interest*
- Practical tips to help you stand out from other candidates*

Whether you're preparing for your first CSI interview.

May 12, 2026

SUPERVISING AN EVIDENCE UNIT: WHAT TO EXPECT AND HOW TO DO IT WELL
Gap Science

11:00 AM - 01:00 PM EST
Hilary Rodela, 5756429396
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This course is designed to prepare current and aspiring supervisors of Evidence Units. This webinar will take attendees through how to effectively, professionally, and ethically run an Evidence Division. It focuses on leadership principles, operational management, legal responsibilities, as well as quality assurance. Participants will develop the skills needed to manage bulk evidence, support investigative objectives, maintain evidence integrity, and build high-performing teams. Students will learn how to: Ensure proper evidence handling and documentation standards Maintain quality control and compliance with legal requirements Communicate effectively with command staff, investigators, and prosecutors.

May 18, 2026
- May 20, 2026

**Mass Casualty Preparedness for Crime Scene
Osceola County SO Training Facility
3901 Arthur J. Gallagher Boulevard
St. Cloud, FL 34771**

08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

Emily Seda, 407-269-1823

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This 3 day class is designed for crime scene investigators, detectives, and anyone tasked with processing crime scenes. This class introduces students to strategies for dealing with a large-scale mass casualty event. Participants will follow along with 3 case studies before being introduced to the Incident Command System and ways to have multiple agencies work together to quickly, methodically, and effectively process a large incident. The class will participate in round table exercises as well as work a mock mass casualty scene as a large group of people who may not generally work together. In today's society unfortunately it's not if, but when the next event happens. This class will prepare the investigators to handle a complex, multifaceted crime scene that encompasses numerous scenes and locations while incorporating resources from all agencies who have responded. This class is approved by the I. A. I. for 24 hours towards certification or recertification.

June 8, 2026
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- June 17, 2026

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Topics Include

Organization of a complex homicide investigation
Criminal investigative analysis (criminal profiling)
Abnormal psychology for investigators
Interrogation techniques for homicide suspects
Application of advanced forensic techniques
Reconstruction of a high profile homicide case

Audience

Patrol officers, newly assigned and seasoned detectives, investigations supervisors, crime scene technicians, medical examiner and coroner investigators, military investigative personnel

This class is restricted to sworn law enforcement officers and those personnel assigned directly to law enforcement agencies.

June 15, 2026
- June 17, 2026

Courtroom Testimony for the Forensic Science Professional

Leon County Sheriff's Office

08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

Phil Sanfilippo, 9104576600

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This Courtroom Testimony for the Forensic Science Professional's course is designed to instruct proper testimony techniques to forensic science professionals, such as those employed in the fields of crime scene investigations, fingerprint analysis, and laboratory analysis.

Practitioners in these disciplines are frequently called upon to testify in court regarding the techniques, observations, and conclusions undertaken in their work. Often, they are requested to express opinions in their courtroom testimony, which is only possible when they are accepted by the court as expert witnesses. The goal of this course is to provide the students with the knowledge and practical experience necessary to successfully testify in a court of law as a forensic expert witness.

The first step in being accepted as a forensic expert witness is to survive the "voir dire." Students will learn how to prepare themselves and the concerned attorney(s) for this important initial step. The course will continue by covering techniques the witness can employ to more effectively explain scientific evidence to the judge and jury.

June 22, 2026
- June 26, 2026

Facial Identification Training (F.I.T.) 202 Facial Examination Course

The Plantation at Crystal River

9301 West Fort Island Trail

Crystal River, FL 34429

08:00 AM - 04:00 PM EST

Lora Sims, 571-480-5000

face@idealinnovations.com

The Facial Examination Training (F.I.T. 202) curriculum is designed to enhance the skill set of analysts and is the most comprehensive course offered by the FaCE. This 40-hour course equips examiners with essential strategies and techniques for conducting facial comparisons.

With a low student-to-instructor ratio (12:1), participants benefit from extensive comparison exercises, real-time instructor feedback, and collaborative class reviews. It is an ideal course for professionals in federal, state, local, commercial, or international organizations involved in facial recognition or facial comparisons.

Key system-agnostic topics include (but are not limited to):

History of facial comparison

*The current state of the Facial Identification field, including standards and guidelines
Facial anatomy, morphology, and the stability of facial features (with detailed analysis of each feature)*

Step-by-step comparisons using ACE-V and morphological analysis methodologies

Recognizing and managing challenges and bias in Facial Identification

Practical tips and techniques to assist examiners during comparisons

Throughout the course, students will apply learned concepts to one-to-one comparisons, with a focus on effective documentation—critical for decision-making, quality assurance, and reporting. The course also includes opportunities to perform one-to-many (1:N) comparisons.

Image sets span a wide demographic range, including variations in ancestry, age, health, weight, and more, ensuring exposure to realistic and diverse scenarios.

June 29, 2026
- June 30, 2026

Cold Case Investigations
IPTM - University of North Florida
12000 Alumni Drive
Jacksonville, FL 32224
08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST
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This two-day course will further enhance the skills you acquired in IPTM's Homicide Investigation and Advanced Homicide Investigation courses. You will learn how to bring life back into your agency cold cases, not only by using modern technology that wasn't available to previous investigators but also going back to the basics. This course will also touch on the use of Forensic Genetic Genealogy (FGG) in cold cases.

You will learn about some of the fatal mistakes made in these investigations that have both contributed to the case going cold but also remaining cold. You will learn about some of the new techniques and technologies available to detectives today.

These types of cases are some of the most difficult to solve, but also the most rewarding when they are solved, and you can give the victim the justice they deserve and their families some peace.

Topics Include

Reasons for family denial of suicide
How to identify a viable cold case
How to prioritize and organize cold cases
Systematic review of your cold case
Forensic advancements & investigative tools for cold cases
Suspect identification and analytical workup
The witness/suspect interview process years after the crime
Family notification
Unidentified remains and the use of NAMUS
Examining mistakes that may have been made
Cold case reviews

Audience

Newly assigned and seasoned detectives, investigations supervisors, crime scene technicians, medical examiner and coroner investigators, military investigative personnel

The course is restricted to active sworn and non-sworn law enforcement and medical examiner personnel.

July 8, 2026
- July 10, 2026

Forensic Pieces of Child & Infant Death Investigations

Hyatt Place

2468 Skye Way

Pensacola, FL 32504

08:00 AM - 05:30 PM CST

Crystal Merrell, 850-332-0141

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Crime scene technicians, detectives, and investigators from all levels of experience, child protection team members, state and defense attorneys and nurses will benefit from this training as we cover the topic of child and infant death investigations. The presentations will cover medicolegal, crime scene, and autopsy finding aspects of the subject. We will specifically discuss scene processing, evidence collection and investigative techniques as they relate to child death investigations. Child and infant death investigations require a unique approach and can be complicated for even the most seasoned investigator. This in-depth 24-hour training will thoroughly cover the numerous aspects of these investigative cases and promote critical thinking and evaluation of these crime scenes and all the puzzle pieces to help delineate homicides from accidental and natural deaths, even in the most subtle of cases. Actual case scenarios will be presented with attendees solving the cases in small working groups with hands-on review of actual forensic case materials.

These 24 course hours have been approved by the International Association of Identification (IAI) to be applied to credit hours used to acquire IAI Crime Scene Certification as well as re-certification.

July 13, 2026
- July 17, 2026

Deviant Sexual Behavior and Related Criminal Activity

IPTM - University of North Florida

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08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

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To successfully solve violent, sexually motivated crimes, you need to be aware of the criminal personality you are confronting. You also need to be aware of the special investigative skills that are needed to manage and investigate these cases, as well as the proper evidence needed for prosecution.

This course will cover basic and advanced investigative concepts and provide you with the knowledge and skills of an effective sex crime investigator. Students will engage in an in-depth study of the lust murderer, the pedophile, the child molester and the rapist. We will also explore the psychology of the sex offender, as well as the victim, and explain the role physical evidence and the medical examiner's findings play in the successful investigation and prosecution of these cases.

As these cases are often sensitive in nature, you'll also learn the principles of victimology in sexual assaults and how to best deal with the victims' psychological problems. We'll examine the latest proven techniques for interviewing both adult and child victims suffering the after effects of such a traumatic experience.

Topics Include

Overview of sexually motivated crimes

The pedophile vs. the child molester

The criminal mind and abnormal psychology

Paraphilia and erotosexual dysfunction

Exploitation of children, child pornography and sex rings

Behavioral and personality traits of rapists

Physical evidence in sex crimes

Serial and lust murders

Autoerotic and equivocal death investigations

Crime scene profiling

Audience

Newly assigned and seasoned detectives, investigations supervisors, crime scene technicians, medical examiner and coroner investigators, prosecutors and military investigative personnel

This class is restricted to sworn law enforcement officers and those personnel assigned directly to law enforcement agencies.

July 13, 2026
- July 17, 2026

Homicide Investigation

IPTM

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Altamonte Springs, FL 32701

08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

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Whether you are the first responder or the lead investigator, this course will give you the knowledge and skills to thoroughly and professionally investigate any possible homicide situation.

We will show you the various types of homicides that you may encounter and common approaches to each. You will learn a systematic process for handling the crime scene, from the initial approach through scene documentation and evidence collection. And, you'll see how the latest technology and forensic sciences can assist you in your investigation.

Beyond the crime scene, you'll also learn about criminal profiling, interrogation techniques and how to handle the news media's involvement.

Topics Include

Death scene preservation

Duties of the first officer on the scene

Investigative procedures at the death scene

Team approach to death investigations

Autoerotic death investigations

Causes and manner of death

Time of death determination

Criminal personality profiling

Organized vs. disorganized crime scenes

Death scene search techniques

Handling the news media in death investigations

Suicide investigations

Homicide interrogation techniques

Audience

Patrol officers, newly assigned and seasoned detectives, investigations supervisors, crime scene technicians, medical examiner and coroner investigators, military investigative personnel

Class is restricted to sworn law enforcement officers and those personnel assigned directly to law enforcement agencies.

July 27, 2026
- July 31, 2026

Interviews and Interrogations
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This truly practical course will provide you with the skills to gain high quality information from individuals, no matter what their status might be in the investigation.

Topics Include

The verbal communication process

Witness memory enhancement

Flow of information

Interviewing process

Kinesics interview techniques

Detecting deception

Videotaping and recording interrogations

Interview of rape victims

Interview of child witnesses and victims

Criminal personality profiling for interviews

The effective interrogator

Legal aspects

Psychology of interrogations

The first three topics will stress the methods you can employ to establish rapport, improve feedback and become more discerning through efficient listening. An examination of the interviewing process will give you a structured interview to expand your ability to obtain accurate information and detect deception.

Through criminal personality profiling, you will be able to more accurately determine the personality type you are confronting and some of the interviewing techniques best suited to elicit information from that individual.

This course focuses on skill development and will enhance your ability to conduct effective interviews and interrogations.

Audience

Patrol officers, newly assigned and seasoned detectives, investigations supervisors, crime scene technicians, medical examiner and coroner investigators and military investigative personnel

This class is restricted to sworn law enforcement officers and those personnel assigned directly to law enforcement agencies.

August 3, 2026
- August 7, 2026

Advanced Bloodstain Analysis

Florida's Forensic Institute for Research, Security, and Tactics (F1RST)

10370 Charles Bo Harrison Way

Land O' Lakes, FL 34637

08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

F1RST, (727) 647-6068

<https://www.floridasfirst.org/contact>

This week long course is designed to give the attendee an opportunity to apply the principles of bloodstain pattern analysis they learned during the 40 hour basic course. Much of the week is spent participating extensive case study reviews focusing on identifying, defining and analyzing bloodstains from actual closed homicide and battery cases.

Students will learn advanced blood enhancement techniques that can be applied at the scene and in the laboratory on both non-porous and porous items (including clothing).

This course is eligible for 40 IAI Certification Hours

Instructor: Anna M. Cox, MFS has worked in Forensics for over 23 years. Cox has provided bloodstain pattern analysis and conclusions in over 215 violent cases across the United States, and in federal and military jurisdictions.

August 17, 2026
- August 18, 2026

Forensic Bloodstains: Enhancement and Documentation

IPTM - University of North Florida

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Jacksonville, FL 32224

08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

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This course will provide you with in-depth instruction on the correct procedures for processing blood evidence at a crime scene or in a lab. You will gain an understanding of basic bloodstain patterns encountered at crime scenes, how to properly document those patterns, and how to utilize various chemical enhancement techniques. You will learn methods to evaluate a crime scene to determine the type of crime that has been committed and the physical parameters of the area of involvement. We will show you how to properly locate, document, collect, and preserve the physical evidence at the scene. You will also be introduced to networks and databases that can assist you in the investigative process.

Exercises will reinforce the classroom discussions to enhance your understanding of the basic principles of bloodstain pattern analysis, enhancement techniques, including chemical and alternate light sources, and proper documentation and collection.

Topics Include

Crime scene analysis

Overview of bloodstain principles

Recognition of bloodstain patterns

Presumptive tests for blood

Blood chemical enhancement techniques

Photography documentation

Audience

Crime scene technicians, crimes against persons detectives, investigations supervisors, forensic investigators, first responding officers, medical examiner and coroner investigators, military investigative personnel, and non-sworn personnel who process crime scenes.

This course is restricted to active sworn and non-sworn law enforcement and medical examiner personnel.

August 17, 2026
- August 21, 2026

Homicide Investigation
Altamonte Springs Police Department
225 Newburyport Avenue
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701

08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST
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Criminal personality profiling
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Suicide investigations
Homicide interrogation techniques

Audience

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Class is restricted to sworn law enforcement officers and those personnel assigned directly to law enforcement agencies.

August 17, 2026
- August 19, 2026

Economic Crimes Investigations: Current Trends

IPTM

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08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

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Economic crimes—especially those involving cryptocurrency—are now among the fastest-growing and most financially damaging offenses in the U.S. As digital assets and decentralized finance (DeFi) continue to evolve, the complexity of fraud is increasing, making these crimes some of the most challenging to understand and investigate.

In this updated course, you'll learn how to unravel the complexities of modern fraud and apply a structured, practical approach to investigating a wide range of financial and consumer crimes—with a strong focus on cryptocurrency-related offenses.

You'll engage with real-world case studies, interactive discussions, and scenario-based exercises that reflect the evolving nature of economic crime. Whether you're a seasoned investigator or just starting out, this course equips you with timely, relevant knowledge and tools that directly support your work in the field.

You'll also explore legal processes like issuing subpoenas to crypto exchanges and applying blockchain forensics—skills that are essential to modern fraud investigations.

Topics Include

Traditional fraud schemes (e.g., check fraud, identity theft, embezzlement)

Cryptocurrency-related crimes and blockchain forensics

Investigative tools and techniques for digital fraud

Legal processes and jurisdictional considerations

Real-world case studies and investigative best practices

Audience

Patrol officers, criminal investigators, and economic crimes unit personnel who are responsible for conducting fraud investigations

This course is restricted to sworn and non-sworn law enforcement personnel.

August 24, 2026
- August 26, 2026

Advanced Homicide Investigation
Altamonte Springs Police Department
225 Newburyport Avenue
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701

08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST
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Audience

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September 21, 2026
- September 23, 2026

Advanced Bloodstain Pattern Analysis

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This advanced course will take you beyond the blood basics and increase your knowledge and skills in bloodstain pattern analysis. We will also take an in-depth look at the judicial process for becoming qualified to give effective witness testimony.

“Hands-on” experience with actual bloodstain patterns and advanced chemical processing techniques will help strengthen your recognition and analytical abilities and enhance your knowledge of various applications.

We will analyze case studies to teach you how to prepare and document your findings and a moot court exercise will give you an opportunity to testify about your conclusions. We will also examine the Daubert Decision and other expert witness issues that may impact your testimony.

This course will help law enforcement and civilian investigators present their opinions involving bloodstain patterns in a courtroom setting with confidence, while meeting the minimal requirements for expert testimony.

Topics Include

Pattern identification

Case studies

Preparing experiments for confirmation of findings

Preparing exhibits for the courtroom

Moot courtroom testimony

Audience

Patrol officers, newly assigned and seasoned detectives, investigations supervisors, crime scene technicians, medical examiner and coroner investigators, military investigative personnel, and prosecuting attorneys

This class is restricted to active law enforcement and prosecuting attorneys employed by governmental agencies.

September 28, 2026
- September 30, 2026

Crimes Against Children
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08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST
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In this fast-paced course, you will learn processes and techniques that apply specifically to crimes against children. From the initial call to the courtroom, you'll receive an in-depth analysis of investigative methodologies you can use to solve these crimes.

We will examine the persistent patterns of behavior of the seven types child molesters and teach you effective techniques for interviewing these criminals. We will also help you develop the skills needed to conduct forensic interviews of child victims and witnesses.

Using case studies, we will introduce you to the different classifications of evidence and how each applies to your investigation. You will learn how to prepare an expert search and seizure warrant for a preferential child molester to include seizing child pornography, child erotica, DNA and computer evidence.

Finally, we will discuss the criteria for amber alerts and the importance of the initial response to a child abduction. You will learn how to develop a Child Abduction Response Team (CART)—a multidiscipline, multijurisdictional team of experts—and how it can greatly improve your ability to recover a missing child.

Topics Include

*Definitions and diagnostic criteria for the DSM-5
Patterns, behaviors and characteristics of offenders
Pedophilia and offender
Investigative and interviewing techniques
Preparing an expert search and seizure warrant
Emerging investigative strategies
Forensic interviews of a child
Understanding predatory behaviors
Developing a Child Abduction Response Team (CART)*

Prerequisite(s)

It is recommended, but not mandatory, that you have completed a basic investigations course or have the knowledge of proven investigative techniques necessary to investigate most crimes against children cases.

Audience

Patrol officers, newly assigned and seasoned detectives, investigations supervisors, crime scene technicians, military investigative personnel, non-sworn personnel who participate in investigations, and prosecutor's office personnel who investigate and prosecute crimes against children

This class is restricted to active sworn and non-sworn law enforcement, investigators, and prosecuting attorneys employed by governmental agencies.

October 19, 2026
- October 21, 2026

Criminal Investigation Fundamentals

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This course will provide you with in-depth instruction of the processes and techniques that apply to all aspects of criminal investigations, from the initial response to the scene to the final courtroom presentation.

You will learn methods to investigate property crimes up to violent crimes against persons. We'll show you how to properly locate and document the physical evidence to aid in your investigative efforts. Techniques for interviewing witnesses, victims and suspects will be covered. You will also learn about networks and databases that can assist you in the investigative process.

During the course, we will teach you how to perform basic investigative duties and prepare you for future, more specialized training.

Topics Include

Basic investigative responsibilities

Case assignment and case load management

Recognition of physical evidence

Interviewing witnesses and suspects

Using confidential sources of information

Property crimes: burglary, economic crimes, organized retail crimes

Crimes against persons: sex crimes, robberies, death investigations

Use of DNA and social media

Electronic evidence: cell phones, cell sites, geo-fencing, Wi-Fi downloads, and more

Case reporting and documentation

Sources of intelligence

Audience

Patrol officers, newly assigned and seasoned detectives, investigations supervisors, crime scene technicians, medical examiner and coroner investigators, military investigative personnel, and non-sworn personnel who must effectively interact with sworn officers

This course is restricted to active sworn and non-sworn law enforcement and medical examiner personnel.

October 19, 2026
- October 23, 2026

Forensic Pieces of Advanced Shooting Reconstruction

Hyatt Place

2468 Skye Way

Pensacola, FL 32504

08:00 AM - 05:30 PM CST

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This advanced five day, 40-hour course is designed for crime scene investigators, detectives, crime laboratory analysts and others in the field of forensic science that have the basic training and skills for shooting crime scene examinations. This course will assist law enforcement officers in connecting all of the forensic pieces for the purpose of shooting crime scene reconstruction. A crime scene is a huge puzzle, and piece by piece we compile the physical evidence in each case; the more difficult job is trying to connect those pieces to obtain the big picture, the shooting crime scene reconstruction. This course will also assist in the documentation of physical evidence at the scene which previously might not have been recorded. The attendees will have a brief review of basic techniques and skills that may have been acquired in other courses but will quickly expand their knowledge base and skill set with advanced techniques acquired through lecture and hands-on performance of exercises designed to test the attendees' ability to put all the pieces together. At the conclusion of the course the attendees will have acquired the ability to be able to generate a shooting reconstruction report for the purposes of ultimately providing expert testimony. Mock scenes for this course are specifically designed to assist the attendee in the importance of scene documentation, and to obtain the maximum, accurate information for ultimate shooting crime scene reconstruction. The course will be challenging but will yield the attendee great rewards in advancing their abilities in shooting reconstruction scenes.

These 40 course hours have approved by the International Association of Identification (IAI) to be applied to credit hours used to acquire IAI Crime Scene Certification as well as re-certification.

November 2, 2026
- November 3, 2026

Suicide Investigation
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Proving suicide can be a daunting task for the investigator due to factors such as family denials, scene interference, insurance issues, and the basic stigma surrounding an intentional self-inflicted death. This course is specifically designed to help you overcome these difficulties by providing you with the skills necessary to thoroughly and properly investigate the death and to recognize and document all indicators of suicide. Your thorough investigation can be the sole basis for a Medical Examiner/Coroner to rule the manner-of-death as suicide.

The reasons one decides to take his or her own life can be psychological, biological, social or a combination of the three. We will explore each of these reasons in-depth. We will also cover the physical possibility of suicide – i.e. could the deceased have physically killed themselves, the most common methods employed, and the development of intent.

Classroom lectures and “case analysis” exercises will be used to teach you the proper steps to take when investigating suspected suicides. You will also be given a number of recommendations for dealing with the family of the victim of suicide.

Topics Include

Reasons for family denial of suicide
Dealing with the family of the decedent
Determining the physical possibility of suicide
Developing and detailing all indications of intent on the part of the decedent
Developing motive
The most common methods of suicide
Importance of determining the body position when a firearm is utilized
Differentiating between an intentional hanging and an autoerotic death
Reasons why a person may commit suicide
The biological, psychological and sociological perspectives of suicide

Audience

Patrol officers, newly assigned and seasoned detectives, investigations supervisors, crime scene technicians, medical examiner and coroner investigators, and military investigative personnel.

The course is restricted to active sworn and non-sworn law enforcement and medical examiner personnel.

November 9, 2026
- November 11, 2026

Major Case Management
Altamonte Springs Police Department
225 Newburyport Avenue
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08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST
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This course will arm you with a solid foundation to efficiently and effectively manage a variety of major case situations including multi-incident investigations, cross-jurisdictional cases, mass arrest projects, and more.

We will take you through the process of handling major cases beginning with the policies and infrastructure that should be in place before a situation occurs. We will examine a typical major case organizational structure and discuss the effective use of chain of command in both single agency and multi-agency situations.

Next we will take you step-by-step through the various components of major case management. You will learn how to handle the initial crisis, manage the crime scene, allocate personnel, track the leads and the investigation, coordinate the assisting agencies, and handle the news media. We will also discuss the pros and cons surrounding the use of 24-hour hotlines, citizen volunteers, confidential sources, special prosecutors, and others.

Throughout the course, you will learn about the state and federal resources available to you during these investigations. You will also learn the case reporting and documentation that should be completed along the way so that proper evaluation and debriefing can be done upon the conclusion of operations.

Topics Include

Major case management goals and objectives
Types and components of major cases
Multiple incident or "crime pattern" investigations
Extended resource/long term investigations
Multi-jurisdictional major cases
Undercover and sting operations
Mass arrest projects
Operational and support functions
Communications plan and information management
Lead management and follow-up
Single agency and multi-agency task force operations
Mutual aid agreements and memorandums of understanding
Special problems and common errors
State and federal resources
After action reporting and debriefing

Audience

New and veteran investigative unit supervisors, patrol supervisors seeking command responsibilities, division commanders, and agency executives.

This course is restricted to sworn and non-sworn law enforcement personnel.

November 16, 2026
- November 17, 2026

Property and Evidence Room Management
Altamonte Springs Police Department
225 Newburyport Avenue
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701
08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST
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From the time evidence is collected, through the presentation of evidence in the courtroom, to the final disposition and disposal, this course will provide you with all the information you need to maintain the security and integrity of your department's property and evidence. You will learn how to properly document, inventory, control, dispose of and purge property and evidence of all types.

Lectures will focus on the physical security of the property/evidence room as well as the legal issues pertaining to the operation of such facilities. OSHA requirements and regulations will be discussed and storage solutions for the evidence room will be explored. You will learn about the special considerations surrounding hazardous, bio-hazardous, and other special risk items as well as preferred procedures for packaging the evidence for storage and submission for testing.

Topics Include

Physical security of property and evidence rooms
Policies and procedures relating to the evidence function
Legal issues pertaining to the operation of evidence facilities
Evidence packaging for storage and submission for testing
Evidence integrity
Computerization of property and evidence rooms
Narcotics destruction - burn procedures and certification
Bio-hazardous evidence storage and destruction
OSHA requirements and regulations
Personal safety issues
Storage solutions

Audience

Sworn law enforcement officers, as well as non-sworn property and evidence custodians and supervisors responsible for overseeing their departments' property and evidence facilities

November 30, 2026
- December 4, 2026

Homicide Investigation
IPTM - University of North Florida
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08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

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Beyond the crime scene, you'll also learn about criminal profiling, interrogation techniques and how to handle the news media's involvement.

Topics Include

Death scene preservation

Duties of the first officer on the scene

Investigative procedures at the death scene

Team approach to death investigations

Autoerotic death investigations

Causes and manner of death

Time of death determination

Criminal personality profiling

Organized vs. disorganized crime scenes

Death scene search techniques

Handling the news media in death investigations

Suicide investigations

Homicide interrogation techniques

Audience

Patrol officers, newly assigned and seasoned detectives, investigations supervisors, crime scene technicians, medical examiner and coroner investigators, military investigative personnel

Class is restricted to sworn law enforcement officers and those personnel assigned directly to law enforcement agencies.

December 7, 2026
- December 9, 2026

Advanced Homicide Investigation
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08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

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Topics Include

Organization of a complex homicide investigation
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Interrogation techniques for homicide suspects
Application of advanced forensic techniques
Reconstruction of a high profile homicide case

Audience

Patrol officers, newly assigned and seasoned detectives, investigations supervisors, crime scene technicians, medical examiner and coroner investigators, military investigative personnel

This class is restricted to sworn law enforcement officers and those personnel assigned directly to law enforcement agencies.

December 7, 2026
- December 9, 2026

Recovery of Human Remains

Keiser University - Sarasota

6151 Lake Osprey Drive

Sarasota, FL 34240

08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

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Join us for three days (24 hours) of hands-on training focused on the search, documentation, and recovery of buried and surface scattered human remains. This training will include the following topics:

Introduction to Forensic Anthropology

Human versus Non-Human Bone Identification

Human Osteology

Postmortem Modification to Human Remains

Recovery of Surface Scattered Skeletal Remains

Recovery of Buried Human Remains

December 10, 2026
- December 11, 2026

Bloodstain Interpretation for Detectives

IPTM - University of North Florida

12000 Alumni Drive

Jacksonville, FL 32224

08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

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This course is specifically designed for detectives who investigate violent crimes but are not responsible for the documentation or collection of blood evidence.

The objective is to enhance the knowledge of homicide and crimes against persons detectives in various areas of bloodstain pattern analysis, with an emphasis on understanding the value of bloodstain evidence and how it can be effectively applied as a forensic tool throughout their investigation. We will provide you with a cohesive understanding of the cause, effect, and implications of different bloodstains and patterns, as well as the actions that caused them.

We will use several actual case studies to emphasize and illustrate the concepts and fundamentals discussed during lectures. This course is not designed for crime scene investigators, as it does not have a laboratory component.

Topics Include

How to recognize bloodstains and patterns that provide probative information regarding the actions that caused the blood-letting events and movements of individuals - during and after the events

How to extrapolate relevant evidence from altered scenes

How to recognize the differences between medical and suspicious deaths

Understanding the documentation processes available to capture the bloodstains and patterns for future analysis by an expert

Types of bloodstains to select for DNA analysis that will provide the most probative value to the investigation

What to expect from a bloodstain pattern analysis conducted by an expert

How expert analysis can be applied throughout the investigation and its relevance in criminal proceedings

Audience

Law enforcement, detectives, investigators, and military investigative personnel. It is not designed for crime scene investigator, as it does not have a laboratory component.

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