

Calendar of Events

June 8, 2026
- June 12, 2026

Homicide Investigation
IPTM - University of North Florida
12000 Alumni Drive
Jacksonville, FL 32224
08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST
Mary Ankenbauer, 9046204786
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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.

June 10, 2026

Owning the Scene: Processing Crime Scenes with Confidence [Utilizing the CALM Method]
Gap Science
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM EST
Hilary Rodela, 5756429396
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You can process every scene with confidence by utilizing the CALM Method! This course focuses on four essential pillars for success in the field: Communication, Assertiveness, Leadership, and Mindfulness.

Through real-world insight and practical guidance, participants will learn how to navigate high-stress crime scenes, communicate effectively with law enforcement partners, confidently use their voice in critical situations, and develop leadership qualities that strengthen scene management and team collaboration.

This webinar also emphasizes the importance of mindfulness and post-scene reflection, helping investigators evaluate performance, process difficult experiences, and continue growing both professionally and personally. The CALM Method provides investigators with tools to improve not only their effectiveness on scene, but also their resilience and confidence throughout their careers.

June 12, 2026

Having Difficult Conversations: Expectations and Techniques to Make Hard Conversations Ea

Gap Science

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST

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Investigations can be challenging enough but when you and your team aren't quite on the same page, that can be an even bigger challenge.

Being able to have conversations that are difficult but necessary, is vital in any profession, especially law enforcement.

Having difficult conversations with command staff, subordinates, and co-workers is never easy but there particular techniques that can help make these types of discussions not so difficult.

Key takeaways from this webinar include:

Where to begin the conversation

What to expect when having these conversations

Techniques to make challenging discussions easier.

How to handle hard conversations successfully

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

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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 15, 2026
- June 17, 2026

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

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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.

June 19, 2026
- June 21, 2026

Applied Forensic Technologies Workshop: Specialized Applications

Global Forensic and Justice Center

8285 Bryan Dairy Rd

Largo, FL 33777

08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

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Applied Forensic Technologies Workshop: Specialized Applications (24 Hours)

June 19–21, 2026 | Largo, Florida

This 24-hour, hands-on workshop delivers practical training in the real-world application of forensic science across multiple investigative disciplines. Designed for professionals who want applied experience, not just theory. This course immerses participants in the tools, techniques, and decision-making used in operational forensic environments.

Limited seats to maintain a hands-on training experience.

Over three days, participants rotate through focused modules in:

Digital Forensics

Forensic Serology

Bloodstain Pattern Analysis

Instruction is led by experienced forensic scientists with extensive casework and courtroom testimony experience. Participants will engage in guided exercises and demonstrations that reinforce key concepts, workflows, and decision-making used in forensic practice.

This workshop emphasizes critical thinking and analytical skills. Reflecting the realities of modern forensic casework.

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

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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 23, 2026

Building Relationships with Chain of Command: A Proactive Approach

Gap Science

11:00 AM - 01:00 PM EST

Hilary Rodela, 5756429396

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Course Description:

This webinar is designed to help law enforcement personnel develop effective, professional relationships within their department's chain of command.

Participants will learn how communication, trust, accountability, and mutual respect contribute to a more cohesive and efficient organization.

The course emphasizes practical strategies for interacting with supervisors and subordinates, understanding expectations at each rank, and navigating conflict in a constructive manner.

Learning Objectives:

Understand the roles and expectations within each level of the chain of command

Develop effective upward and downward communication skills

Build trust and credibility through consistent performance and accountability

Navigate disagreements and conflict professionally

Strengthen teamwork and morale across ranks

Sworn CSI vs. Civilian CSI: The Benefits of Both

Gap Science

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST

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This webinar explores the structure and composition of crime scene investigation units, focusing on the advantages and challenges of using sworn personnel, civilian investigators, or a combination of both. Participants will gain a practical understanding of how different staffing models impact operational effectiveness, investigative outcomes, and overall agency efficiency.

The course will examine the benefits and potential limitations of mixed units compared to fully sworn or fully civilian models, including considerations such as training, cost, staffing flexibility, and role specialization. Emphasis will also be placed on how agencies can successfully integrate sworn and civilian personnel to create a cohesive, high-performing unit.

In addition to operational insights, this webinar will address the broader value to the agency, including resource allocation, retention, and long-term sustainability. This session is particularly relevant for agencies evaluating or transitioning to a mixed or civilian-based crime scene unit, offering guidance and real-world perspectives to support informed decision-making.

Key topics include:

*Comparative benefits and challenges of sworn, civilian, and mixed CSI unit models
Operational and organizational impacts of different staffing approaches
Strategies for building cohesion and collaboration within mixed units
Considerations for agencies transitioning to civilian or hybrid models
The value of unit composition on efficiency, effectiveness, and agency resources*

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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Jacksonville, FL 32224

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

225 Newburyport Avenue

Altamonte Springs, FL 32701

08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

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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 16, 2026

The Recovery of Latent Fingerprints From Notoriously Troublesome Surfaces
Gap Science

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM EST

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Struggling to recover usable latent prints from difficult or unconventional surfaces? This demonstration-based webinar takes a hands-on approach to developing and lifting prints from some of the most challenging evidence surfaces encountered in the field.

Through step-by-step demonstrations, participants will explore a variety of development techniques using traditional and specialty powders, advanced lifting methods, and IR fluorescent technology. The webinar will also cover best practices for digital photography, image capture, and proper lift card documentation to help improve both evidence quality and courtroom presentation.

Designed for forensic professionals, crime scene personnel, and anyone looking to strengthen their latent print development skills, this session combines practical instruction, expert insight, and real-world application you can immediately put to use in the field.

July 30, 2026

THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLPE CERTIFICATION: EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW
Gap Science

01:00 PM - 02:30 PM EST

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Interested in earning your International Association for Identification (IAI) Certified Latent Print Examiner (CLPE) certification? This webinar is designed for professionals considering certification who are already working in the field and want to take the next step in their career. Obtaining the CLPE certification requires preparation, commitment, and dedication. Join an experienced professional as they break down the certification process, share practical advice, and discuss what it takes to successfully prepare for the exam and certification requirements. Whether you are just getting started or actively pursuing certification, this webinar will help you better understand the process and set yourself up for success.

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

12000 Alumni Drive

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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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.

August 17, 2026
- August 19, 2026

Economic Crimes Investigations: Current Trends

IPTM

12000 Alumni Drive

Jacksonville, FL 32224

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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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.

August 31, 2026
- September 4, 2026

Basic Bloodstain Pattern Analysis
Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Forensic Sciences Division
4801 145th Ave N
Clearwater, FL 33762
08:00 AM - 04:30 PM EST
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This course will provide a basic and fundamental knowledge in the field of bloodstain pattern analysis and illustrate the scientific principles and practical applications of bloodstain pattern analysis to actual casework. The course of instruction is designed for crime scene technicians who respond to crime scenes on a regular basis.

The 40-hour week-long course includes extensive laboratory work with blood that illustrates the concepts and fundamentals discussed during lectures. The students will become acquainted with the Academy of Forensic Science Standards Board Recommended Terminology.

Along with extensive laboratory work, this course uses several case studies, worked by the instructor, to emphasize and illustrate the concepts and fundamentals discussed during lectures

September 21, 2026
- September 23, 2026

Advanced Bloodstain Pattern Analysis

IPTM - University of North Florida

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08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

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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 5, 2026
- October 7, 2026

Burglary/Robbery Investigations: Current Trends

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 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.

October 6, 2026
- October 8, 2026

Administration & Leadership Academy for Law Enforcement Civilians
City of Doral Police Department Training Center
3719 NW 97 Avenue
Doral, FL 33178
08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST
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This workshop is designed as an advanced learning experience for civilian law enforcement employees seeking to build their administrative and leadership competencies. Civilians are a growing segment of the law enforcement community. They have increasing importance in the administration of law enforcement agencies and the management of personnel. This 3-day academy provides intensive, efficient instruction to help civilian leaders elevate their potential and hone their skills as reliable and trusted public safety professionals.

Attendees who complete this workshop will:

Understand the nuances of law enforcement culture
Be able to balance risk with potential rewards in decision making scenarios
Know the value of personality diversity in the workplace
Learn how to improve internal culture by creating organizational predictability and rhythm
Understand what causes misconduct and failures of professional responsibility
Gain confidence in their ability to manage employee performance and discipline

NO JEANS ALLOWED

The fee for this course is \$625

October 19, 2026
- October 21, 2026

Criminal Investigation Fundamentals

IPTM - University of North Florida

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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

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

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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.

December 2, 2026
- December 4, 2026

Forensic Blood Evidence Workshop: Detection, Enhancement & Investigation

St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office

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Fort Pierce, FL 34981

08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

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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.

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 7, 2026
- December 9, 2026

Advanced Homicide Investigation

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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.

December 10, 2026
- December 11, 2026

Bloodstain Interpretation for Detectives

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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.

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

March 1, 2027
- March 5, 2027

Homicide Investigation
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