

## Calendar of Events

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  
Mary Ankenbauer, 9046204786  
info@iptm.org

*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

info@gapscience.com

*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.*

*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.*

*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  
hilary@gapscience.com

*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  
hilary@gapscience.com

*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

emily.seda@osceolasheriff.org

*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 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  
Mary Ankenbauer, 9046204786  
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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

info@forensicpieces.com

**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**

**12000 Alumni Drive**

**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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*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.*

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  
Mary Ankenbauer, 9046204786  
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.*

*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.*

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*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.*

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  
Mary Ankenbauer, 9046204786  
info@iptm.org

*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.*

September 21, 2026  
- September 23, 2026

## **Advanced Bloodstain Pattern Analysis**

**IPTM - University of North Florida**

**12000 Alumni Drive**

**Jacksonville, FL 32224**

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**  
**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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*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 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  
Daniel Garcia, 305-715-5009  
dgarcia2@mdso.com

*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**

**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 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

Crystal Merrell, 850-332-0141

info@forensicpieces.com

**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**  
**12000 Alumni Drive**  
**Jacksonville, FL 32224**  
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**  
**Altamonte Springs Police Department**  
**225 Newburyport Avenue**  
**Altamonte Springs, FL 32701**

08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST  
Mary Ankenbauer, 9046204786  
info@iptm.org

*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  
Mary Ankenbauer, 904-620-4786  
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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*

December 2, 2026  
- December 4, 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

Erin West, 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.*

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

Meredith Tise, 7272750327

meredith@suncoastforensics.com

*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.*

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