

Calendar of Events

December 8, 2025
- December 10, 2025

Crime Scene Processing Workshop

IPTM - University of North Florida

12000 Alumni Drive

Jacksonville, FL 32224

08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

Mary Ankenbauer, 904-620-4786

info@iptm.org

This course was created to build confidence in your ability to work through processing a crime scene from receiving a request for processing to testifying on the witness stand. Techniques and information are provided not only through presentations, but hands-on training and real case examples. Instructors will cover a broad range of topics with emphasis given to recognizing, documenting, collecting, preserving, processing, and analyzing physical evidence. Investigators, crime scene technicians, and agency personnel who investigate crime scenes will all benefit from this course.

We will pay particular attention to the interpretation of discovered evidence, its value within the scene, and usefulness in solving the crime. You will participate in exercises that will give you experience in latent print development techniques and using light energy to process a scene. You will also learn how to interpret bloodstain patterns and use chemical enhancement methods. Courtroom procedures and information for presenting crime scene evidence will also be discussed.

Topics Include

Discussion of specific evidence-related scenes ranging from simple property crimes to crimes against persons

Photography procedures for scene documentation

DNA and where to find it and collect it

Latent print development techniques

Alternative light sources – processing scenes and related evidence with light energy

Casting – tire and shoe impressions, etc.

Bloodstain documentation and chemical enhancement

Evidence collection and packaging

Courtroom testimony

Audience

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

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

December 8, 2025
- December 9, 2025

Child Death Investigations
Leon County Sheriff's Office
2825 Major James Morgan Jr. Way
Tallahassee, FL 32304
08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST
TriTech Forensics, 9104576600
training@tritechusa.com
Tri-Tech Training

December 8, 2025
- December 10, 2025

Advanced Homicide Investigation
IPTM - University of North Florida
12000 Alumni Drive
Jacksonville, FL 32224
08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST
Mary Ankenbauer, 904-620-4786
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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.

December 8, 2025

Paying It Forward: Compensation for Forensic Field Training Officers

<https://gapscience.com/webinar-paying-it-forward-compensation-for-forensic-field-training-officers/>

02:00 PM - 03:30 PM EST

Gap Science, 4075380104

info@gapscience.com

Instructor: Stefanie Whittington

Date: Monday, December 8, 2025

Times: 2:00pm - 3:30pm EST

Location: Wherever you can login!

Tuition Cost (Vault Members): FREE! Become a Vault member from just \$29 a month and get access to this webinar and hundreds of hours of other training instantly! Join The Vault now!

Tuition Cost (Non-Vault Members): \$25.00

December 11, 2025
- December 12, 2025

Bloodstain Interpretation for Detectives

IPTM - University of North Florida

12000 Alumni Drive

J, FL 32224

08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

Mary Ankenbauer, 904-620-4786

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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.

December 15, 2025
- December 16, 2025

2-Day Workshop | Basic Photoshop Workshop: Foundations of Forensic Imaging
<https://gapscience.com/webinar-basic-photoshop-workshop-foundations-of-forensic-imaging/>
10:00 AM - 03:00 PM EST
Gap Science, 4075380104
info@gapscience.com
Instructor: Meredith Coon

Date: Monday, Dec. 15 & Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2025

Times: 10:00am – 3:00pm EST on Dec. 15th & 10:00am – 1:00pm EST on Dec. 16th

Location: Wherever you can login!

Tuition Cost: \$225.00

Instructor: Meredith Coon

Date: Monday, Dec. 15 & Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2025

Times: 10:00am – 3:00pm EST on Dec. 15th & 10:00am – 1:00pm EST on Dec. 16th

Location: Wherever you can login!

Tuition Cost: \$225.00

January 5, 2026
- January 9, 2026

Advanced Shooting Analysis & Reconstruction
Orlando Police Department - Training Facility
100 George DeSalvia Way
Orlando, FL 32807

08:30 AM - 05:30 PM EST
Jim Molinaro, (908) 625-0958
jmolinaro@highlandsforensics.com

This is a 40 hour Advanced Shooting Analysis & Reconstruction Course offered by Highlands Forensics and hosted by the Orlando Police Department the week of January 5, 2026 to January 9, 2026.

This course will pick up where a basic SIR course ends by providing instruction on topics concerned with the process of performing an objective and unbiased shooting scene reconstruction. Lecture topics will include the methodology involved in the reconstruction process, incorporating bloodstain evidence and the results from autopsy into a reconstruction and a detailed analysis of the human body as a target. Attendees will work in small groups to process a motor vehicle shooting scene and be given an actual shooting case for each small group to perform a shooting scene reconstruction. Ultimately each small group will prepare a PowerPoint presentation of their findings. All materials will be provided by the host and Highlands. The only attendee requirement are to have attended a Basic SIR course and a laptop with Microsoft Word and PowerPoint.

January 5, 2026
- January 9, 2026

Advanced Shooting Incident Analysis & Reconstruction

Orlando Police Department

100 George DeSalvia Way O

Orlando, FL 32807

08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

Jim Molinaro, 908-625-0958

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*Hosted by: The Orlando Police Department Presented by Highlands Forensic
Investigations & Consulting*

\$1000

Location: 100 George DeSalvia Way Orlando, FL 32807

January 19, 2026
- January 21, 2026

Economic Crimes Investigations: Current Trends

Martin County Sheriff's Office

800 SE Monterey Road

Stuart, FL 34994

08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

Mary Ankenbauer, 904-620-4786

info@iptm.org

Economic crimes have become the fastest growing and costliest crimes in the U.S. in recent years. Frauds are also one of the most difficult to understand and investigate. This updated course explains the complexities of fraud investigations and arms you with a systematic approach and specific techniques for handling a wide range of financial and consumer fraud-related crimes. It relies heavily on student interaction, case studies, and practical scenarios to help increase your understanding of the ever-changing nature of these investigations.

Our goal is to provide you with current information effecting Economic Crimes Investigators with different levels of training and experience. Topics range from simple check fraud and credit card fraud to identity theft and major offenses like embezzlement, internet scams, and Ponzi schemes. In addition, you will learn current trends involving electronic fund transfers and cryptocurrency, as well as how to investigate these crimes. We will show you how to handle the day-to-day issues with conducting these investigations. These issues include how to determine the appropriate jurisdiction for cases, which cases are civil or criminal, and reviews a variety of investigative resources to assist the students with their investigations. We will also provide you with recent examples of a variety of legal processes needed to conduct these investigations.

Topics Include

Introduction into Economic Crimes:

- Triaging cases*
- Determining civil vs. criminal*
- Jurisdictional issues*
- Case management*
- Subpoenas, search warrants and court orders*
- Resources*
- Legal process*

Classifying and investigating the different types of fraud:

- Check fraud*
- Credit/debit card fraud*
- Identify theft*
- Internet/computer crimes*
- Embezzlement*
- Ponzi/pyramid schemes*
- Money laundering*
- Racketeering*
- EFT's/cryptocurrency*

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.

January 21, 2026
- January 23, 2026

Forensic Pieces of Staged Crime Scene Investigations

Hyatt Place - Pensacola Airport

2468 Skye Way

Pensacola, FL 32504

08:30 AM - 05:30 PM CST

Crystal, 8503320141

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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

February 9, 2026
- February 11, 2026

Recovery of Human Remains

Orlando Police Department

100 George DeSalvia Way

Orlando, FL 32807

08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

Meredith Tise, 727-275-0327

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

February 9, 2026
- February 11, 2026

Advanced Latent Analysis - Orlando, FL February 9 -11, 2026

Orlando Police Department

100 George DeSalvia Way

Orlando, FL 32807

08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

Mack Brazelle, 2406712050

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This three-day class will be a deep dive into the underutilized aspects of latent analysis.

Go beyond point counting and target group searching. Learn how to understand and properly interpret level one information in every type of latent print. This class will make you a better, more confident latent print examiner, no matter what your experience level is.

What if I told you the way examiners are taught analysis is broken? Analysis is not marking up and color-coding ending ridges as we have all been taught. The analysis process is so much deeper and meaningful than we are led to believe. Analysis is a three-part process that is often overlooked, underutilized, and rarely documented. I have developed an intuitive process for understanding, interpreting, and using the meaningful analysis information within every latent print. This is not a "search smart" class that recycles the same old "clues, tricks and tips". This class provides a complete set of the techniques to master analysis. My teaching style will engage students and inspire a new way of thinking about fingerprints. I want each examiner that attends Advanced Latent Analysis to return to work excited to implement the techniques learned.

This class will advance your understanding of latent examination beyond the basic search smart tips by outlining a systematic, practical and intuitive approach to analysis. Prepare for an educational and engaging experience that will change the way you look at fingerprints forever. Students will learn new and innovative techniques that will allow them to quickly and accurately interpret the visual information found in all latent prints. If you're looking for a class to sharpen your skills as an examiner and become more confident in your analysis, this is the class for you.

This course has been approved for 24 hours of certification & recertification training credit by the IAI Latent Print Certification Board.

For registration visit mackbrazelle.com

February 9, 2026
- February 13, 2026

Injury and Death Investigations (Body Search Excavation and Recovery)

Cape Coral Police Department

Citgroup25@gmail.com

Cape Coral, FL 33990

08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

Freddy Ponce Ph.D, 2392423348

citgroup25@gmail.com

one-week Injury & Death Investigations (Body Farm) course is directed by Criminal Investigations Training Group, which is dedicated to bringing the latest in training The to law enforcement investigators, headed by former Miami Police Homicide Detective Dr. Freddy Ponce, PhD. The team in this course is comprised by top notch instructors and professors in their field; former Chief Medical Examiner, Dr. Emma O. Lew at Miami-Dade County Medical Examiner's Office and Dr. Heather-Walsh Haney, PhD. Anthropologist/ Florida Gulf Coast University director of Forensic Sciences and Body Farm Facility.

February 16, 2026
- February 18, 2026

Crime Scene Processing Workshop
IPTM - University of North Florida
12000 Alumni Drive
Jacksonville, FL 32224
08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST
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We will pay particular attention to the interpretation of discovered evidence, its value within the scene, and usefulness in solving the crime. You will participate in exercises that will give you experience in latent print development techniques and using light energy to process a scene. You will also learn how to interpret bloodstain patterns and use chemical enhancement methods. Courtroom procedures and information for presenting crime scene evidence will also be discussed.

Topics Include

Discussion of specific evidence-related scenes ranging from simple property crimes to crimes against persons
Photography procedures for scene documentation
DNA and where to find it and collect it
Latent print development techniques
Alternative light sources – processing scenes and related evidence with light energy
Casting – tire and shoe impressions, etc.
Bloodstain documentation and chemical enhancement
Evidence collection and packaging
Courtroom testimony

Audience

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

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

February 23, 2026
- February 25, 2026

Crimes Against Children
IPTM - University of North Florida
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Jacksonville, FL 32224
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.

February 23, 2026
- February 27, 2026

Forensic Pieces of Shooting Reconstruction

Hyatt Place - Pensacola Airport

2468 Skye Way

Pensacola, FL 32504

08:00 AM - 05:30 PM CST

Crystal, 8503320141

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This comprehensive 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 learn by using string, dowel rods, and/or lasers about the flight path of the projectile from the moment it leaves a firearm muzzle to the moment it strikes the final target and is recovered. Also, students will examine the firearm residue for estimated distance determination from the position of the shooter to the victim and/or final target. Mock scenes for this course were designed to assist the student in the importance of scene documentation, and to obtain the maximum, accurate information for ultimate shooting crime scene reconstruction.

These 40 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.

March 9, 2026
- March 13, 2026

Crime Scene Reconstruction
IPTM - University of North Florida
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Jacksonville, FL 32224
08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST
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Designed for experienced investigators and crime scene technicians, this advanced course teaches the use of scientific methods, evidence analysis and deductive reasoning in determining the series of events in a crime and accurately reconstructing the resulting crime scene.

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

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

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

Topics Include

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

Audience

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

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

March 9, 2026
- March 11, 2026

Managing the Detective Unit
Altamonte Springs Police Department
225 Newburyport Avenue
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701
08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST
Mary Ankenbauer, 9046204786
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This course focuses on the effective and efficient management of detective unit personnel, procedures, and investigations in order to improve organizational processes and increase clearance and arrest rates.

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

Topics Include

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

Audience

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

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

March 16, 2026
- March 20, 2026

Homicide Investigation
IPTM - University of North Florida
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Jacksonville, FL 32224
08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST
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Whether you are the first responder or the lead investigator, this course will give you the knowledge and skills to thoroughly and professionally investigate any possible homicide situation.

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

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

Topics Include

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

Audience

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

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

March 23, 2026
- March 27, 2026

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

March 23, 2026
- March 25, 2026

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

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Interrogation techniques for homicide suspects
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Audience

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

March 23, 2026
- March 27, 2026

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

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

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

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

Press.

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

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

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

Certified Senior Crime Scene Analyst (CSCSA)

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

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

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

CRC Press (All chapters EXCEPT 8 and 9)

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

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

IF YOU NEED CLARIFICATION ON ANY READING MATERIAL AS

LISTED ABOVE, PLEASE CALL THE IAI DIRECTLY AT (954) 589-0628

March 30, 2026
- April 3, 2026

Interviews and Interrogations
IPTM - University of North Florida
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Jacksonville, FL 32224
08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST
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info@iptm.org

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

Topics Include

The verbal communication process
Witness memory enhancement
Flow of information
Interviewing process
Kinesics interview techniques
Detecting deception
Videotaping and recording interrogations
Interview of rape victims
Interview of child witnesses and victims
Criminal personality profiling for interviews
The effective interrogator
Legal aspects
Psychology of interrogations

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

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

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

Audience

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

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

April 13, 2026
- April 17, 2026

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

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

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

Topics Include

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

Audience

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

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

April 13, 2026
- April 15, 2026

Forensic Blood Evidence Workshop | Detection, Enhancement & Investigation
St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office
4700 W. Midway Road
Fort Pierce, FL 34981

08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

Gap Science, 4075380104

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

In this unique course, you'll:

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

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

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

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

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

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

April 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

ACAMACHO@PCSONET.COM & KSTROPES@PCSONET.com

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

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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.

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

Topics Include

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

Audience

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

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

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."

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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Homicide interrogation techniques

Audience

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June 15, 2026
- June 17, 2026

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

08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

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This course will further enhance the skills you acquired in IPTM's Homicide Investigation course and supply you with the knowledge and abilities to handle even the most challenging homicide investigations.

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

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

Topics Include

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

Audience

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

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

June 29, 2026
- June 30, 2026

Cold Case Investigations
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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 27, 2026
- July 31, 2026

Interviews and Interrogations
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Jacksonville, FL 32224
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This truly practical course will provide you with the skills to gain high quality information from individuals, no matter what their status might be in the investigation.

Topics Include

The verbal communication process
Witness memory enhancement
Flow of information
Interviewing process
Kinesics interview techniques
Detecting deception
Videotaping and recording interrogations
Interview of rape victims
Interview of child witnesses and victims
Criminal personality profiling for interviews
The effective interrogator
Legal aspects
Psychology of interrogations

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

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

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

Audience

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

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

August 17, 2026
- August 18, 2026

Forensic Bloodstains: Enhancement and Documentation
IPTM - University of North Florida
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Jacksonville, FL 32224
08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST
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This course will provide you with in-depth instruction on the correct procedures for processing blood evidence at a crime scene or in a lab. You will gain an understanding of basic bloodstain patterns encountered at crime scenes, how to properly document those patterns, and how to utilize various chemical enhancement techniques. You will learn methods to evaluate a crime scene to determine the type of crime that has been committed and the physical parameters of the area of involvement. We will show you how to properly locate, document, collect, and preserve the physical evidence at the scene. You will also be introduced to networks and databases that can assist you in the investigative process.

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

Topics Include

Crime scene analysis
Overview of bloodstain principles
Recognition of bloodstain patterns
Presumptive tests for blood
Blood chemical enhancement techniques
Photography documentation

Audience

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

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

August 17, 2026
- August 21, 2026

Homicide Investigation
Altamonte Springs Police Department
225 Newburyport Avenue
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701
08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST
Mary Ankenbauer, 9046204786
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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.

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

Topics Include

Death scene preservation
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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 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.

September 21, 2026
- September 23, 2026

Advanced Bloodstain Pattern Analysis

IPTM - University of North Florida

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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
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Jacksonville, FL 32224
08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST
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In this fast-paced course, you will learn processes and techniques that apply specifically to crimes against children. From the initial call to the courtroom, you'll receive an in-depth analysis of investigative methodologies you can use to solve these crimes.

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

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

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

Topics Include

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

Prerequisite(s)

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

Audience

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

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

October 19, 2026
- October 21, 2026

Criminal Investigation Fundamentals

IPTM - University of North Florida

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Jacksonville, FL 32224

08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

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This course will provide you with in-depth instruction 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
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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
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This course will arm you with a solid foundation to efficiently and effectively manage a variety of major case situations including multi-incident investigations, cross-jurisdictional cases, mass arrest projects, and more.

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

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

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

Topics Include

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

Audience

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

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

November 16, 2026
- November 17, 2026

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

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

Topics Include

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

Audience

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

November 30, 2026
- December 4, 2026

Homicide Investigation
IPTM - University of North Florida
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08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST
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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
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Criminal personality profiling
Organized vs. disorganized crime scenes
Death scene search techniques
Handling the news media in death investigations
Suicide investigations
Homicide interrogation techniques

Audience

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

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

December 7, 2026
- December 9, 2026

Crime Scene Processing Workshop
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This course was created to build confidence in your ability to work through processing a crime scene from receiving a request for processing to testifying on the witness stand. Techniques and information are provided not only through presentations, but hands-on training and real case examples. Instructors will cover a broad range of topics with emphasis given to recognizing, documenting, collecting, preserving, processing, and analyzing physical evidence. Investigators, crime scene technicians, and agency personnel who investigate crime scenes will all benefit from this course.

We will pay particular attention to the interpretation of discovered evidence, its value within the scene, and usefulness in solving the crime. You will participate in exercises that will give you experience in latent print development techniques and using light energy to process a scene. You will also learn how to interpret bloodstain patterns and use chemical enhancement methods. Courtroom procedures and information for presenting crime scene evidence will also be discussed.

Topics Include

Discussion of specific evidence-related scenes ranging from simple property crimes to crimes against persons
Photography procedures for scene documentation
DNA and where to find it and collect it
Latent print development techniques
Alternative light sources – processing scenes and related evidence with light energy
Casting – tire and shoe impressions, etc.
Bloodstain documentation and chemical enhancement
Evidence collection and packaging
Courtroom testimony

Audience

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

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

December 7, 2026
- December 9, 2026

Advanced Homicide Investigation
IPTM - University of North Florida
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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.

December 10, 2026
- December 11, 2026

Bloodstain Interpretation for Detectives

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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.