

BASIC Lead Death/Homicide Investigator Course

40-hours

Main Topics

- Introduction and Course Overview } 0.5 hour
- Proper Death/Homicide Investigative Techniques } 2 hours
 - Historical overview
 - Process
 - Pitfalls
- Types of Death } 2 hours
 - Medical definitions
 - Coroner/M.E. Cause of Death
 - Legal definitions
 - 720 ILCS - Homicide
- Types of Death Investigations } 10 hours
 - Suicides
 - Accidents
 - Dumped/Decomposed Bodies
 - Homicides
 - Domestic Violence Deaths
 - Child Deaths
 - Sexual Deviance Deaths
 - Drug/Overdose Deaths
 - Serial Deaths
 - Multiple Deaths
- Crime Profile } 1 hour
 - Victim
 - Possible offenders
 - Characteristics of the crime
 - VICAP

➤ Crime Scene Management

- Security and safety
- Documentation
- Processing
 - Forensics
 - Body Changes after death
 - Evidence collection
 - Body fluids/DNA
 - Weapons
 - Fingerprints
 - Shoe prints
 - Tire tracks
 - GSW
 - Blood splatter
 - Mapping/Sketching
 - Photography/Videography
 - Autopsy
 - Cause, Manner, and Mechanism

4 hours

➤ Legal issues

- Evidence collection
- Eyewitness Identification
- Documentation
 - Videotaping
 - Field notes
 - Reports
 - Evidence
 - Procedural
 - Interrogations
- Warrants/Subpoenas
 - Consent to Search
 - Search Warrant
 - Grand Jury Subpoenas

4 hours

- Interview & Interrogation
 - Informants/Confidential Sources
 - Canvassing
 - Witness development
 - Interview of Family, Friends, Co-workers
 - Death Notifications
 - Interview of Person(s) of Interest /Suspects
 - Motive Development
 - ERHI
 - Miranda
 - Custodial vs. Non-custodial

 - Investigative Resources
 - LEADS/NCIC
 - Crime/Intelligence Analyst
 - STIC
 - Business records
 - Medical records
 - Communication records
 - Telephone/Cell phone records/SMS cards
 - Computer/Internet history
 - Social media sites

 - Investigative Partnerships
 - Homicide and Questionable Death Protocol
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 - Role of the:
 - Task Forces
 - Crime Analysis
 - Coroner or Medical Examiner
 - States Attorney's Office
 - News Media
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- 7 hours
- 2 hours
- 1 hour

➤ Case Supervision/Management/Court Preparation	}	2 hours
○ Documentation		
○ Leads development		
○ Importance of Timeline		
○ Courtroom Testimony		
➤ Common Mistakes in Death/Homicide Investigations	}	1 hours
➤ Ethical/Confidentiality Issues	}	1 hour
○ “Souvenirs”		
○ “Unauthorized” communications		
▪ Texts		
▪ Photos		
▪ Social Media sites		
➤ Practical/tabletop exercise(s)	}	2 hours
○ “Cold case analysis”		
➤ Conclusion and End of Course work	}	0.5 hour
TOTAL HOURS IN COURSE		40 HOURS