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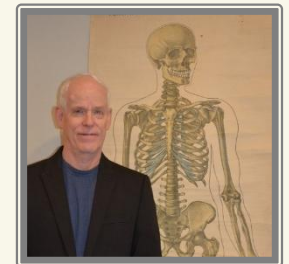
FORENSIC PIECES OF STAGED CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATIONS

In Honor of Our Beloved Founder of Forensic Pieces, Jan Johnson, CSCSA

We commit to you the same techniques, structure, and integrity that our fearless leader Jan Johnson carried with her to every scene, every training, every conference, every time. It will be our constant goal to strive, meet, and exceed the extremely high standards set by the one who led thousands all over the world to success in the areas of Crime Scene Investigation, Bloodstain Pattern Analysis, Shooting Reconstruction, Crime Scene Reconstruction, and so much more. Each instructor and training will reflect the legacy Jan wanted for her company and the forensic community. We appreciate all the continued support as we forge ahead our new path forward. As Jan Johnson would always say: Full Speed Ahead!

ABOUT YOUR INSTRUCTOR:

Dr. Michael Berkland, D.O. is triple board by the American Board of Pathology. He has over 30 years of Forensic Pathology experience. Following medical school, he received his anatomic and clinical pathology training within the U.S. Army at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, TX. He became one of the Dep. Regional Medical Examiners for the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP), as well as Chief of Pathology at Munson Army Community Hospital at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He has been Chief ME and Deputy Chief ME in numerous locations as he was re-stationed throughout the U.S. He is the only board-certified forensic pathologist to also have held the certification for Certified Senior Crime Scene Analyst (CSCSA) by the IAI, the world's largest group of professional criminalists serving as Past Secretary for the IAI Crime Scene Certification Board as well as being a Past President and Chairman of the Board of the FL Division of the IAI. Due to his extensive background, he is considered an expert in numerous forensic subspecialties to include shooting and crime scene reconstruction with sequencing events within the crime scene. He holds Child and Infant deaths as one of those specialties in forensics that has undergone a slow evolution during his 30 years of practice and has performed examinations on over 300 child and infant fatalities. Dr. Berkland brings a unique teaching style to his presentations, coupling all of the findings from the crime scene to the courtroom.



COURSE DATES: MARCH 9 - 11, 2026
MONDAY – WEDNESDAY
8:00 AM – 5:30 PM

LOCATION: HASTINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT
317 S. BURLINGTON AVE.
HASTINGS, NE 68901

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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

COURSE TOPICS:

- Equivocal death investigations
- Historical perspectives
- Incidental altercation in scenes
- Types of crime scene staging
- Primary scenes
- Secondary vs tertiary scenes
- Red flag indicators
- Note taking, report writing
- General documentation of physical evidence
- Biological evidence Detection and collection
- Other evidence to be aware of and collected
- Profiling the stager
- Case examples of staged scenes for problem solving

WHAT TO BRING TO CLASS:

Casual attire is suitable. It is highly recommended that students bring a laptop computer as well as a digital camera however it is not required to attend this training.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This is a hands-on course that is specifically designed for patrol officers, investigators, detectives, and crime scene personnel or without experience.

