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BURIED BODY & SURFACE SKELETONS



Tom Myers is a retired 25-years FBI special agent, working in forensics most of his career. Serving mostly in the Miami and Baltimore divisions on the Evidence Response Teams, he had a role in many of the prominent forensic-based efforts of the FBI. He is a graduate of the FSU, School of Criminology. Tom managed the Baltimore (ERT), the WMD/HAZMAT ERT, and the FBI mission to the Dover Air Force Base - (AFMES). He also coordinated for the deployment of numerous USERT forensic dive team missions to the Maryland and Delaware area. Tom and his team implemented a highly-successful trials/testing and liaison partnership with the superb HRD (Human Remains Dog) unit of the Maryland State Police for a multi-faceted HR recovery process. Ever embracing of new technology, Tom has worked as a photography instructor since the 1990s. He previously instructed photography for a specialized program. he acquired one of the team's first scanner systems that led to complete integration with other forensic professionals who were using the scanner at mass casualty and major events. The Baltimore ERT team continues to improve and modify their modular body recovery collection platform. Tom previously served as the DHS Liaison and Briefer to the Secretary of DHS, Supervisor of the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) in Little Rock, Arkansas, and Counter Terrorism Watch Commander at both the DHS National Operations Center and the FBI's CT Watch. Tom was an early member of the Broward/ S. Fla Forensic Association, Gold Coast Forensic Association, CBDIAI and FDIAI. He recently completed work as a creator/consultant and on-screen advisor for the forensic processes used in an investigative journalism documentary – a joint US/Nordic production, that looked into the actions of a prolific serial killer. He continues to work in a variety of forensic mediums such as crime/legal historian, cold/historic case investigator, consultant, and film producer; but his primary goal remains to aid in solving murders, recovering and identifying victims, developing new technology and processes and sharing these solutions with other forensic and similar professionals.



Michele Smith earned her Bachelor's Degree in Biological Sciences with a minor in Anthropology from Louisiana State University. She is currently a forensic scientist at the Louisiana State Police Crime Laboratory in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She is a Certified Senior Crime Scene Investigator (CSCSA) and a Certified Latent Print Examiner (CLPE) through the International Association for Identification (IAI). She is an active member of the International Association for Identification (IAI), the Louisiana division of the IAI (LA IAI), the Louisiana Association of Forensic Scientists (LAFS), and is the current Vice President of the Louisiana Archaeological Society (LAS). Michele shares her passion for the work she does by providing training seminars, presentations, and workshops for law enforcement agencies around Louisiana and the United States. She has been asked by numerous agencies, professional organizations, and educational programs to speak about forensics, crime scene investigations, and latent prints. She has testified and qualified as an expert in Print Processing and Print Comparison in the State of Louisiana. Michele also participates in archaeological excavations of prehistoric Native American sites around Louisiana.

COURSE DATES: MAY 11 – 15, 2026
8:00AM – 5:30PM

LOCATION: ARAPAHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
13101 E. BRONCOS PARKWAY
CENTENNIAL, CO 80112

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This comprehensive 40-hour course is designed for crime scene investigators, detectives, crime laboratory analysts and others in the field of forensic science that need the basic training and techniques for the buried body or surface skeleton crime scene examination and recovery. This course will assist you in connecting all of the forensic pieces for the purpose of crime scene reconstruction. Mock scenes for this course are designed to assist the student in the importance of scene documentation and to obtain the maximum correct information for the ultimate crime scene reconstruction of both surface skeleton cases and more complex buried human cases. Attendees will be assigned to a crime scene team and will be responsible for the entire scene investigation with a presentation of their findings on the final class day. The teams will be graded on the amount of physical evidence (clues) they recover from their scenes. The attendees will have a working knowledge of the techniques required to examine a surface skeleton and a buried body crime scene to include: protocols, potential physical evidence awareness, equipment needs, bone identification & inventory, preservation of human remains procedures, search & documentation techniques as well as courtroom case presentation experience.

Please note that expensive composite skeletons will be buried for the mock scene sites.

COURSE TOPICS:

- ❖ Planning, Management & Equipment for Grave Sites
- ❖ Scene Security & Search Techniques
- ❖ Excavation Techniques: Collection & Preservation of Remains
- ❖ Victim(s) Identification: Race, Stature, Age & Sex
- ❖ Time of Death Estimation & Cause of Death Determination
- ❖ Crime scene Documentation: Photography & Video
- ❖ Note Taking, Report Writing & Expert Testimony



WHAT TO BRING TO CLASS:

Very casual attire including a hat, work shoes or boots suitable for working outside in the field, work gloves and knee pads. A digital camera with macro capabilities is preferred; however, a cellphone camera will suffice. Traveling with equipment is an issue. A laptop computer for your courtroom presentations would be highly recommended but is not necessary.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Crime scene investigators, detectives, crime laboratory analysts and others in the field of forensic science that need the basic training and techniques for the buried body or surface skeleton crime scene examination and recovery. This course is taught in a manner in which the crime scene officer can easily understand.

