

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. The 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.



COURSE TOPICS:

- Classification of child deaths
- SIDS and SUIDS
- Child abuse injuries and differential diagnosis
- Initial Approach to death investigations
- Hospital presentations of abuse cases
- Accidental v homicide deaths
- Abusive head trauma
- SBS and findings
- Investigative difficulties
- General scene documentation & photography of physical evidence
- Sexual abuse cases
- Approach to interviews
- Elements of successful prosecution
- Biological evidence detection and collection
- Report writing and bullet-proofing reports
- Courtroom testimony (time permitting)

WHAT TO BRING TO CLASS:

Casual attire is suitable.
A laptop computer for notetaking and a camera for mock scene documentation is recommended but not required.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course is designed to educate crime scene technicians, detectives, and investigators of all levels. State Attorneys, Defense Attorneys, as well as nurses and child protection team personnel will benefit from the presented materials.

