

**Course Title:**

RS&A - Fundamentals of Crime Scene Examination and Evidence Collection – Great Falls MT

**Course Dates:**

September 7 – 11, 2020

**Tuition Cost:**

\$600.00

**I.A.I. Approved Hours for Certification or Re-certification:**

40 Hours

**Course Location:**

Great Falls Police Department  
Regional Training Center  
112 1<sup>st</sup> Street S  
Great Falls MT 59401

**Course Instructor(s):**

Derek Mahlum, CSCSA

**Course Description:**

Expectations of the public and the courts have risen dramatically over the last several years in the area of physical evidence collection and forensic identification. Additionally, there is a need for “Homeland Security” protection through awareness, collection and identification of physical evidence at the local level. Working a crime scene is a “process” that involves a broad range of Skills. With these issues in mind, the purpose of this course is to train crime scene personnel in the skills needed to identify, photograph, process, and preserve the crime scene and items of evidence found in them. The course is intended to provide a foundation for the future development of such expertise through experience and continued training.

**COURSE TOPICS:**

- Evidence Collection Kits
- What is Physical Evidence?
- Documentation of Crime Scenes
- Biological Evidence
- Trace Evidence
- Latent Fingerprint Development
- Footwear and tire track impressions
- Document (Handwriting) Evidence

Upon completion of this training, students should possess the fundamental skills necessary to process crime scenes and collect a variety of different types of physical evidence.

**Target Audience:**

This five-day crime scene course provides instruction in the identification, processing, preservation and recovery of physical evidence including: scene responsibilities, crime lab capabilities, scene equipment, scene and evidence photography, searching & measuring, biological & trace evidence, footwear & tire evidence, fingerprint processing and handwriting evidence.

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Attendees will receive lecture and demonstrations along with participating in class discussions and performing practical exercises to demonstrate acquired skills.

**Course Contact Information:**

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