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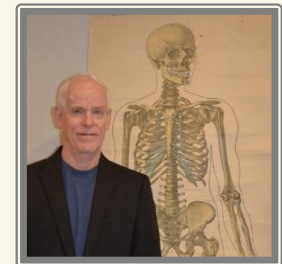
**FORENSIC PIECES OF
ADVANCED SHOOTING
RECONSTRUCTION**

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 certified 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: OCTOBER 19 – 23, 2026
8:00 AM – 5:30 pm

LOCATION: HYATT PLACE
2468 SKYE WAY
PENSACOLA, FL 32504

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This advanced five day, 40-hour course is designed for crime scene investigators, detectives, crime laboratory analysts and others in the field of forensic science that have the basic training and skills for shooting crime scene examinations. This course will assist law enforcement officers in connecting all of the forensic pieces for the purpose of shooting crime scene reconstruction. A crime scene is a huge puzzle, and piece by piece we compile the physical evidence in each case; the more difficult job is trying to connect those pieces to obtain the big picture, the shooting crime scene reconstruction. This course will also assist in the documentation of physical evidence at the scene which previously might not have been recorded. The attendees will have a brief review of basic techniques and skills that may have been acquired in other courses but will quickly expand their knowledge base and skillset with advanced techniques acquired through lecture and hands-on performance of exercises designed to test the attendees' ability to put all the pieces together. At the conclusion of the course the attendees will have acquired the ability to be able to generate a shooting reconstruction report for the purposes of ultimately providing expert testimony. Mock scenes for this course are specifically designed to assist the attendee in the importance of scene documentation, and to obtain the maximum, accurate information for ultimate shooting crime scene reconstruction. The course will be challenging but will yield the attendee great rewards in advancing their abilities in shooting reconstruction scenes.

These 40 course hours have 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:

- Review of the fundamentals of shooting reconstruction
- Angle of impact determination
- Documentation and testing of potential bullet holes or strikes
- Proper trajectory documentation of wall shots
- Projectile penetration and perforation
- Distance determination on targets and clothing
- Ballistics for shooting reconstruction
- Wound ballistics and track trajectory
- Reconciling bullet holes in clothing with the autopsy findings
- Homicides vs. suicides in firearm deaths
- Trace evidence consideration on firearms and projectiles
- Maximizing your firearms examiner
- Report writing
- Hands-on case solving
- Officer involved shooting investigations
- **Most topics augmented with actual casework**



WHAT TO BRING TO CLASS:

Casual attire is suitable. Have a pen, paper, highlighter, note cards and laptop computer (if desired for note taking). A camera is recommended for the hands-on wallboard and vehicle exercises, however a cellphone camera will suffice if traveling with equipment is an issue. Any student who has a trajectory kit that they prefer to use or to gain knowledge and experience on their newly purchased kit should bring it to the class.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This is a hands-on course that is specifically designed for crime scene officers with or without experience. This course is taught in a manner in which the crime scene officer can easily understand.

