



BURIED BODIES AND SURFACE SKELETONS: RECOVERY TECHNIQUES



24-HOURS

During this course you will become familiar with the background and procedures used in forensic archaeology. You will learn specific techniques to be used in the search, excavation and recovery of skeletonized human remains and associated evidence. The techniques employed to document the evidence found at the crime scene will be examined in detail.

Exercises involving the search and recovery of surface skeletons will provide you with hands-on experience as you employ the excavation techniques taught in class to locate and unearth mock graves.

AUDIENCE: Patrol officers, newly assigned and seasoned detectives, investigations supervisors, crime scene technicians, medical examiner and coroner investigators, prosecutors, and military investigative personnel.

This course is restricted to active sworn and non-sworn law enforcement and medical examiner personnel.

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8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Search techniques in locating clandestine graves and surface skeletons
- Collection, packaging and transportation of skeletal material and physical evidence
- Documentation through photography and sketching
- Search, recovery and excavation of mock burials and surface skeletons through field exercises

INSTRUCTOR: Meredith Tise, Ph.D.

TUITION: \$695

STUDENT FEEDBACK:

- Instruction was given at a level that was understandable and easy to follow. The course covered a wide range of situations and provided all the tools necessary to take provided skills into the field.
- By far the best class I have taken. Learned a ton and enjoyed the very detailed practical exercise.
- The course was well organized. All assignments were practical for real world experience.
- Meredith was very knowledgeable and made the course fun. I loved being able to practice hands-on for future cases.
- It was a wonderful learning experience! First time learning about the forensic archaeology process.

Learn more! Scan the QR Code, visit bit.ly/IPTMBuriedBodiesTraining, or call (904) 620-4786.

