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Enhancement & Detection of Blood Evidence on Crime Scenes

Instructor:

Sharon Plotkin, EDD, CCSI

November 28 - 30, 2023

Tuition: \$499 | Hours: 8 am - 5 pm

Location:

Westminster Police Department
8200 Westminster Blvd. | Westminster, CA 92683

Lodging Information:

Ayres Hotel Fountain Valley
17550 Brookhurst Street | Fountain Valley, CA 92708
714-861-5170

Go to the course page at www.tritechtraining.com for hotel rate and booking info.

This course has been approved for 24 hours of certification/recertification training credit by the IAI Bloodstain Certification & Crime Scene Certification Boards.



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ABOUT TRITECH

A leader in the forensics market, Tri-Tech Forensics provides evidence collection and crime scene investigation products and training to crime labs and crime scene investigators throughout the world. With over 30 years of experience, we are the nation's most proficient developer and manufacturer of forensic kits. We are committed to providing our customers with state-of-the-art forensics products and services at affordable prices. It is our goal, through our research and development program, to continue to develop superior products and training to aid in all aspects of crime scene investigation and crime lab analysis. We know how important our products and training are to the forensics community, from investigation to prosecution. Our mission is the same as our customers – *Identify. Protect. Preserve.*

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Enhancement & Detection of Blood Evidence on Crime Scenes

Crime scene personnel should always be able to perform the most effective techniques when locating evidence that may help in the criminal investigation. To do this, the use of presumptive chemical tests and alternate light sources are important components of successful crime scene work. While some blood evidence may be easily visualized, sometimes this type of evidence is not.

The purpose of this three-day workshop is to introduce attendees to the different chemicals used to enhance bloodstains and patterns that are visible on crime scenes and evidence and also to detect blood that is unseen because the amount of blood is too small or because the blood has been removed in a cleaning of the scene. The use of chemical presumptive tests to determine if blood is present and if the detected blood is of a human or a nonhuman source will also be introduced.

Photographing chemical reactions to bloodstains and the use of infrared photography is also important and will be addressed in this workshop.

This workshop will be taught by a certified crime scene expert.

The objective is to introduce attendees to the proper use of various chemicals for blood evidence on crime scenes both visible and invisible. Introduction of various substrates and surfaces while utilizing the most effective techniques and chemical use with photographic skills will be a vital component of the workshop.

Attendees will utilize chemicals such as Amido Black, Coomassie Blue, Leucocrystal Violet, Bluestar, Phenolphthalein and OBTI in locating blood evidence, and others.

This workshop will utilize power point lectures and many hands-on practicums in meeting all objectives.

COURSE INSTRUCTOR

SHARON PLOTKIN, EDD, CCSI



Sharon obtained her Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Psychology from Florida International University. She obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work, also from Florida International University and an Associate of Arts degree in Psychology from Broward Community College. She is currently seeking a doctoral degree in education. She is a member of several forensic organizations including American Academy of Forensic Science, International Association for Identification and Goldcoast Forensics.

In 2006, Sharon Plotkin received her certification in crime scene investigations through International Association for Identification and has been doing crime scene work for almost 21 years. She has handled thousands of cases ranging from burglaries to homicides and suspicious death cases.

Sharon has received specialized training in various fields of crime scene investigations, including bloodstain reconstruction, photography, crime scene reconstruction, fingerprinting, shoe wear casting and other various topics. She has traveled throughout the United States and Taiwan attending crime scene conferences taught by experts, such as Dr. Henry Lee, Dr. Michael Baden, Dr. Vincent DiMaio, Vernon Geberth, Dr. Bill Bass, Paul Kish, Richard Saferstein and other highly notable crime scene experts.

Sharon published a crime scene reconstruction textbook with author Robert Ogle Jr. and is currently working on a second textbook. She is also a member of DMORT (Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team) and FEMORS (Florida Emergency Mortuary Operations Response System response). She is currently the regional director for Region 5 for the Florida Division of the International Association for Identification.