

5 Day Homicide and Death Investigation

Course Objectives:

This five day training module will provide the attendee with the skills and competency to conduct complete and thorough homicide investigations with prosecutorial merit. Additionally, the attendee will be provided with the skills to recognize and handle other types of death investigations, bringing them to a successful conclusion.

At the beginning of the class a case will be examined through discussion, question and answers, as well as, an evaluation of evidence discovered by student observations. After the discussion the students will evaluate whether the classification of the case should be accidental death, suicide or homicide.

The class will cover three basic steps in all homicide investigations: Crime Scene, Follow-up and Case Courtroom presentation.

This course will provide participants with an in-depth and step-by-step processes handling of high-profile major incidents most affecting communities, including, but not limited to, investigating cases of multiple homicides, crimes of violence against vulnerable populations, unexplained missing children/child abductions and violent rapes/sexual assaults. Included in each section of the presentation will be actual case studies to illustrate the points and practices to emphasize the relevance to successfully resolving cases.

Participants will be provided overviews on applying the latest advancements on genetic genealogy research and DNA phenotyping to successfully resolve long-term and current cases including case studies and discussions on potential future challenges. Additionally, discussions on applying the latest advancements and technologies to assist in conducting thorough and expedient resolutions of investigations, including, data management/analytics, advanced cell phone analytics and the complex role of social media.

There will be discussions on the unique issues of responding to and investigating sexually motivated child abduction and the current offender behavior of using social media to entice and lure children and in addition thoughts on unidentified human remains cases, no body prosecutions, family issues and investigator wellness and stress.

Learning Objectives:

- Crime Scene • Follow-up • Case Courtroom Presentation • Autoerotic Deaths • Non-Vehicular Deaths • Suicides • Unattended Natural Deaths
 - Overview of Violent Crimes and Homicides • Ten Steps for Managing a Major Case Investigation • Equivocal Deaths
 - Role of Technology • Advances in DNA • Sexually Motivated Child Abduction/Homicides
- Investigating Cases of Unidentified Human Remains • No Body Homicides • Special Search Considerations • Victim Issues

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Training Seminar
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Instructors:

Robert Lowery, Jr., Major (Retired)
Florissant Police Department • Florissant MO

Michael Murphy, D.B.A., F-ABMDI
Coroner (Retired) • Clark County Office
of the Coroner/Medical Examiner



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Seminar Agenda

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Monday, May 5, 2025	Robert Lowery
8:00 a.m.—8:30 a.m.	Registration
8:30 a.m.—10:00 a.m.	Overview of Homicide in the United States The Dilemma of Rising Numbers of Homicide Incidents vs. The Falling Clearance Rates. A Discussion on Why and Potential Solutions
10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.	The Homicide Crime Scene – Basic Principles Properly Securing the Scene – The Priorities – 4 th Amendment Considerations Witnesses – Suspects Detained The Role of the Crime Scene Team – Coordination With the Investigative Team Physical and Forensic Evidence Laboratory Capabilities Primary and Secondary Scenes
12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m.	Lunch (On Your Own)
1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.	Initiating the Investigation – <i>Everything Begins at the Crime Scene</i> Victimology Development – <i>What it Means and How it Drives the Investigation</i> Determining Motives Determining Time of Death – The Importance of Timelines and Determining Window of Opportunity Witness Statements – Thoughts on Securing Cooperation The Importance of the Area Canvass – <i>Standard Questionnaires – The Neighborhood Autopsy</i>
3:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.	Crime Scene Analysis Examining the Crime Scene to Determine the Behaviors of the Suspect(s) – How and Why was the Crime Committed? Was Anything Done that was Unnecessary to Accomplish the Murder? Stage Crime Scenes – Murder for Hire Case Studies
Tuesday, May 6, 2025	Robert Lowery
8:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m.	Discussion on Avoiding Missed Opportunities – <i>The “Shelf-Life” Principle on Securing Available Evidence and Information</i>
9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.	Techniques for Developing and Eliminating Suspects – In Absence of a Readily Known Suspect the Issue of Managing the Challenge of Multiple Suspects – (Stranger Cases) – Suspect Statements and Techniques on Detection of Deception Case Studies
12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m.	Lunch (On Your Own)
1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.	New Advancements in DNA Searches - Familial Searches and Genetic Genealogy CODIS and NDIS Open-Source Databases Research and The Family Tree Myths Phenotyping Case Studies

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Wednesday, May 7, 2025	Robert Lowery
8:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.	Technology - Cellular/Smart Phones, Social Media and Overcoming Big Data - Challenges and Opportunities
10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.	Sexually Motivated Abductions/Homicides of Children Stereotypical Child Abductions The Explosion of Technology Facilitated Abductions Role of Social Media Case Studies
12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m.	Lunch (On Your Own)
1:00 p.m.—1:30 p.m.	Michael Murphy
	Role of the Medical Examiner/Coroner
1:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.	Injuries, Terminology, Cause and Manner of Death
Thursday, May 8, 2025	Michael Murphy
8:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.	Equivocal Death Case Review Part 1
	Equivocal Death Case Review Part 2
10:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.	Unidentified Victims/Remains Methods of Identification
11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.	Lunch (On Your Own)
12:30 p.m.—1:30 p.m.	Victim Family Relationships/Assistance
1:30 p.m.—2:30 p.m.	Managing the Investigative Team
2:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m.	Comprehensive/Cold Case Review
3:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.	You and The Media
Friday, May 9, 2025	Michael Murphy
8:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m.	Courtroom Testimony
9:00 a.m.—9:45 a.m.	Death Notification
9:45 a.m.—11:30 a.m.	Resiliency/Wellness
11:30 a.m.	Certificate Presentation

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Instructors:	Robert Lowery Jr., and Michael Murphy	
Seminar Location:	South Texas College Regional Center for Public Safety Excellence 3901 South Cage Blvd Pharr, Texas 78577	
When:	May 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9, 2025	Note: To receive special room rates, please identify yourself with Group Code: 10119603
Registration Time:	8:00 a.m. (May 5, 2025)	
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