

5-Day Homicide & Death Investigation

Course Objectives

This five-day program equips investigators with the knowledge, skills, and strategies necessary to conduct thorough homicide and death investigations with prosecutorial merit. Participants will also gain the ability to properly recognize and investigate other forms of death, ensuring cases are resolved successfully.

The course begins with an interactive case review, where students analyze evidence, discuss observations, and determine whether the case should be classified as an accidental death, suicide, or homicide.

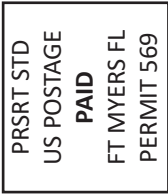
Attendees will follow a structured, step-by-step process for investigating high-profile and complex cases, including multiple homicides, violent crimes against vulnerable populations, unexplained missing children and abductions, and sexual assaults. Each section incorporates real-world case studies to emphasize investigative strategies and highlight lessons learned.

In addition, participants will explore cutting-edge investigative tools and methods, such as forensic genealogy, DNA phenotyping, data analytics, cell phone forensics, and the evolving role of social media. Special focus will also be given to the unique challenges of sexually motivated child abductions, unidentified human remains, “no body” prosecutions, and managing investigator wellness and stress.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- Apply the three basic steps of homicide investigations: **crime scene response, follow-up, and courtroom preparation**
- Investigate a wide range of death classifications, including:
 - Suicides
 - Equivocal deaths
 - Autoerotic deaths
 - Non-vehicular deaths
 - Unattended natural deaths
- Manage major case investigations through a **10-step structured process**
- Utilize advanced technologies and techniques, including:
 - Forensic genealogy and DNA advancements
 - Data management and analytics
 - Cell phone analytics
 - Social media exploitation in investigations
- Address the complexities of:
 - Sexually motivated child abductions and homicides
 - Cases involving unidentified human remains
 - “No-body” homicide prosecutions
 - Special search considerations and victim-centered issues
- Strengthen skills in case documentation, report writing, and effective court presentation
- Recognize and address the impact of stress and wellness challenges on investigators



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Instructors

Robert G. Lowery, Jr. <i>Major (Retired)</i> <i>Florissant Police Department, MO</i>	Michael Murphy, F-ABMDI <i>Coroner (Retired)</i> <i>Clark County, NV</i>
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Dr. Timothy Gocha
Forensic Anthropologist
Oklahoma Office of the
Chief Medical Examiner

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Seminar Agenda

Monday, October 12, 2026 – Robert Lowery

8:00 – 8:30 am	Registration
8:30 – 10:00 am	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 am – 12:00 pm	The Homicide Crime Scene – Basic Principles Properly Securing the Scene – The Priorities – 4th 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 – 1:00 pm	Lunch (On Your Own)
1:00 – 3:00 pm	Initiating the Investigation – Everything Begins at the Crime Scene Victimology Development – What it Means and How it Drives the Investigation 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 – Standard Questionnaires – The Neighborhood Autopsy
3:00 – 4:30 pm	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, October 13, 2026 – Robert Lowery

8:00 – 9:00 am	Discussion on Avoiding Missed Opportunities – <i>The “Shelf-Life” Principle on Securing Available Evidence and Information</i>
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	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 – 1:00 pm	Lunch (On Your Own)
1:00 – 4:30 pm	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

Wednesday, October 14, 2026 – Michael Murphy

8:00 – 10:00 am	Role of the Medical Examiner/Coroner
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Injuries, Terminology, Cause and Manner of Death
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch (On Your Own)
1:00 – 3:30 pm	Equivocal Death Case Review Part 1 and Part 2
3:30 – 4:30 pm	Unidentified Victims/Remains Methods of Identification

Thursday, October 15, 2026 – Michael Murphy

8:00 – 9:00 am	Victim Family Relationships/Assistance
9:00 – 10:00 am	Managing the Investigative Team
10:00 – 11:00 am	Comprehensive/Cold Case Review
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	You and The Media
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch (On Your Own)
1:00 – 2:00 pm	Courtroom Testimony
2:00 – 3:00 pm	Death Notification
3:00 – 4:30 pm	Resiliency/Wellness

Friday, October 16, 2026 – Timothy Gocha

8:00 am – 12:00 pm	Introduction To All Things Forensic Anthropology • Recovery • Decomposition • Information Bodies Can Provide The Homicide Investigator • Case Examples from across the US
12:00 pm	Certificate Presentation

3 Ways to Register

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Seminar ID:	#17189
Dates:	October 12, 13, 14, 15 & 16, 2026
Registration Time:	October 12, 2026, 8 am
Instructors:	Robert Lowery, Jr., Michael Murphy and Timothy Gocha
Seminar Location:	Columbus Police Training Academy 1000 N Hague Avenue Columbus, Ohio 43204
Hotel Reservations:	Drury Inn & Suites Columbus/Grove City 4109 Parkway Centre Drive Grove City, Ohio 43123 800-325-0720 \$131.00 King Room (plus tax)
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Registration Fee:	\$550.00 Includes 5-Day Homicide and Death Investigation Training, Printed Training Manual and Certificate of Completion



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