

INSTRUCTOR BIOS

William Fritze (Bill) is Chief of Gun Violence Task Force of the Philadelphia District Attorney’s Office. Bill joined the District Attorney’s Office in 2007, finding his passion in providing public legal service as a Victim/Witness Coordinator serving the needs and protecting the rights of victims in the City of Philadelphia. During his time with the District Attorney’s Office, Bill attended Law School in the evening at Widener School of Law, and graduated with honors in 2012.

Timothy P. Gocha is a Forensic Anthropologist Oklahoma Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. Previously he was an Associate Director of the Forensic Anthropology Center at Texas State University and a forensic anthropologist in Las Vegas, NV. He has participated in forensic anthropology casework throughout the U.S. as well as internationally. This experience includes assisting with victim recovery and/or identification from several mass fatality events including the deadliest hot air balloon crash in U.S. history, the deadliest mass shooting in U.S. history, the deadliest wildfire in California history, as well as the ongoing humanitarian crisis of migrant deaths along the U.S./Mexico border. His personal research focuses on improving methods for estimating age at death from human skeletal remains, as well as positive identification of decedents.

Joseph M. Rauch is a decorated twenty-five year veteran of the Atlantic City Police Department in Atlantic City, New Jersey, assigned to the Atlantic County Prosecutor’s Office Major Crime Unit in Atlantic County, New Jersey since 2006. Detective Rauch has an extensive education, training and experience in multiple facets of law enforcement, having served a variety of assignments throughout his career including; Uniform Patrol Division, Community Policing Section, Accident Investigation Unit, Gun Reduction Unit, Narcotics Unit, Prostitution Unit, Casino Hotel Investigations Unit, Police Community Partnership Grant Team, Juvenile Investigations Section, Criminal Investigations Section, Shooting Response Team and the Special Projects Unit.

Robert Lowery (Bob) was the 5th police official to be appointed as Commander of the elite 35-year Greater St. Louis Major Case Squad. Robert is a member of the International Homicide Investigators Association, Quantico, Virginia, United State Department of Justice, Federal Agency Task Force on Missing and Exploited Children, Washington DC, International Coroners and Medical Examiners Association and Federal Bureau of Investigation and National Academy Association.

Jonathan Pelletier is a retired police detective and former forensic crime scene unit supervisor. He currently serves as the subject matter expert (adjunct professor) on campus as well as instructing online, developing and teaching courses for the Helms School of Government at Liberty University. He has been an active member of IAI since 2004 and maintains certification as a Senior Crime Scene Analyst with the International Association of Identification (IAI-CSCSA). He holds a bachelors in cross cultural studies, a master’s in Christian apologetics/philosophy and a master’s in criminal justice.

Michael Murphy serves as President and CEO of M Power USA, an international management consulting firm providing management and leadership guidance to public and private agencies. Dr. Murphy brings 40 plus years of law enforcement and public service experience to the position serving in a multitude of roles giving him a unique perspective beginning with boots on the ground as Chief of Police. Dr. Murphy most recently served as Director of Special Services for The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in Alexandria, Virginia where he was responsible for the Long Term Missing and Unidentified, Forensic Services, Image Enhancement/Age Progression Units.

Stacey Chepren is a 20-year U.S. Air Force veteran who served as a legal investigator for prosecution, defense, and victims’ counsel at stateside, overseas, and deployed locations. She managed thousands of federal criminal cases on major crimes trial teams, collaborating with local, state, and federal partners. She also conducted death investigations for active-duty personnel and served on fatal ground/aircraft accident investigation boards. She represented the Air Force before the House Armed Services Committee on the Victims’ Counsel Program and a Congressional review panel on active-duty suicides. She is the Programs Manager for the International Association of Coroners & Medical Examiners, managing the accreditation program and overall operations of the association, and founder/owner of Pegasus Forensics, LLC, a consulting firm providing forensic reconstruction, expert consultation, and witness testimony specializing in death cases for criminal and civil matters. She is a member of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, International Association of Coroners & Medical Examiners, and National Association of Medical Examiners, serving on committees and presenting regularly.

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Seminar Agenda

Monday, November 30, 2026

8:00 – 8:30 am Registration

8:30 am – 12:00 pm William Fritze

Working with your prosecutor for successful prosecution. The Three main areas that help to build strong cases that I will focus on are as follows:

1. Community Policing to provide on the ground intelligence.
2. Use of Digital Forensics to support the investigation and prosecution.
 - a. NIBIN, Social Media, cloud data and Cell Phone analysis to identify and corroborate evidence.
3. Prosecution of Group violence without the existence of organized crime to link the defendants and incidents.
 - a. The prosecutors tool box: Other acts, Modus Operandi and other ways to secure a conviction..

12:00 – 1:00 pm Lunch (On Your Own)

1:00 – 4:00 pm Dr. Timothy Gocha

Introduction To All Things Forensic Anthropology

- Recovery
- Decomposition
- Information Bodies Can Provide The Homicide Investigator
- Case Examples from across the US including Las Vegas and Texas

Tuesday, December 1, 2026

8:00 am – 12:00 pm Joseph Rauch

Importance of the First Responder

- Who is the First Responder?
- Understanding and Changing the Mindset of the First Responder
- Communication and Team Building between the Investigator and the First Responder
- Establishing and Maintaining the Integrity of the Crime Scene
- Supervision of First Responders, Crime Scene and Media Relations
- Knowing the Abilities and Limitations of the First Responder
- Issues and Challenges of the First Responder
- Preparing the First Responder for Court

The Homicide Investigator

- Who is the Homicide Investigator?
- Ethics & Responsibilities of the Homicide Investigator
- Case Management -Keeping your Focus and learning to Juggle

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch (On Your Own)

1:00– 4:00 pm Joseph Rauch

Crime Scene Analysis, Investigative Techniques and Resources

- Learning to Read the Crime Scene
- Identification & Individualization of Physical Evidence
- Practical Application of Crime Scene Analysis to the Investigative Process
- Investigative Tools and Techniques
- Application & Use of Advancements in Technology and Digital Forensics
- Leveraging Private Sector Cooperation

Wednesday, December 2, 2026

8:00 am - 12:00 pm Jonathan Pelletier

Do’s and Don’ts Regarding Complex Homicide Investigations

- Helpful insights into investigating complex homicide cases
- Interactive case studies related to staging, linkage, time and distance, and post offense behavior
- Fine tuning the functions of “the war room” including effective workflow and follow-ups

12:00 – 1:00 pm Lunch (On Your Own)

1:00 – 4:00 pm Jonathan Pelletier

Do’s and Don’ts Regarding Complex Homicide Investigations (cont.)

- Contemporary tips alongside traditional insights for successful investigations and avoiding common mistakes
- Effective use of resources, jurisdictional limitations, methodology, and unusual challenges

Thursday, December 3, 2026

8:00 am – 12:00 pm Robert Lowery

- DNA • Genealogy • Databases • Managing Major Case Homicides

12:00 – 1:00 pm Lunch (On Your Own)

1:00 – 4:00 pm Michael Murphy / Stacey Chepren

- Role of Coroner in Death Investigation • Cause and Manner of Death
- Case Review of All Manners of Death • Homicide • Suicide • Natural
- Accident Undetermined

Friday, December 4, 2026

8:00 am – 12:00 pm Michael Murphy / Stacey Chepren

- Courtroom Testimony • Death Notification • Resiliency/Wellness

12:00 pm Certificate Presentation

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Seminar Title: National Homicide & Death Investigation Conference

Seminar ID: #17250

Dates: November 30, December 1, 2, 3, & 4, 2026

Registration Time: November 30, 2026, 8am

Instructors: William Fritze, Timothy Gocha, Joseph Rauch, Robert Lowery, Jonathan Pelletier, Michael Murphy and Stacey Chepren

Seminar Location and Hotel Reservations:

Palace Station Hotel & Casino
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Las Vegas, Nevada 89102
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