

Homicide and Death Investigation Conference

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.

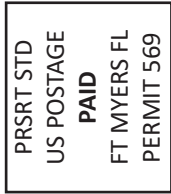
Attendees will follow a structured, step-by-step process for investigating high-profile and complex cases, including multiple homicides, violent crimes against vulnerable populations, unexplained missing children and abductions, and sexual assaults. Each section incorporates real-world case studies to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

William Fritze <i>Attorney</i> <i>Philadelphia District</i> <i>Attorney’s Office</i>	Dr. Timothy Gocha <i>Forensic Anthropologist</i> <i>Oklahoma Office of the</i> <i>Chief Medical Examiner</i>
Joseph Rauch <i>Detective</i> <i>Atlantic City Police Department,</i> <i>New Jersey</i>	Robert G. Lowery, Jr. <i>Major (Retired)</i> <i>Florissant Police Department</i> <i>Missouri</i>
Michael Murphy, F-ABMDI <i>Coroner (Retired)</i> <i>Clark County, Nevada</i>	Stacey Chepren, MFS, MSc <i>Programs Manager for the</i> <i>International Association of</i> <i>Coroners & Medical Examiners</i>

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Seminar Agenda

Monday, April 5, 2027

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 – 4:30 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, April 6, 2027

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
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12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch (On Your Own)
1:00 – 4:30 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, April 7, 2027

8:00 am – 12:00 pm	Joseph Rauch Documentation and Report Writing • Reaffirming the Basics of Report Writing • Documenting the Case from the Initial Call to the Verdict • Documentation as a Positive/Negative Reflection of the Investigation • Errors and Pitfalls of Report Writing
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch (On Your Own)
1:00 – 4:30 pm	Robert Lowery • DNA • Genealogy • Databases • Managing Major Case Homicides

Thursday, April 8, 2027

8:00 – 10:00 am	Michael Murphy / Stacey Chepren 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

Friday, April 9, 2027

8:00 am – 12:00 pm	Michael Murphy / Stacey Chepren • Courtroom Testimony • Death Notification • Resilience/Wellness
12:00 pm	Certificate Presentation

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Seminar Title:	Homicide and Death Investigation Conference		
Seminar ID:	#17412		
Dates:	April 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, 2026		
Registration Time:	April 5, 2027, 8am		
Instructors:	William Fritze, Timothy Gocha, Joseph Rauch, Robert Lowery, Michael Murphy and Stacey Chepren		
Seminar Location:	Tarrant County Sheriff’s Academy 1500 Circle Drive Fort Worth, Texas 76119		
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