

Investigating Cases of Child Homicide and Unexplained Deaths of Children

Course Overview

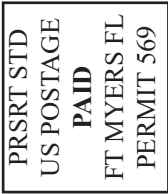
This two-day course is designed for law enforcement homicide and death investigators, coroner/medical examiner investigators, and child protection professionals. Participants will gain comprehensive skills for responding to and investigating cases of child homicide and unexplained child deaths. The training emphasizes investigative accuracy, evidence preservation, family interaction, and the legal and procedural requirements of these sensitive cases.

Through lectures and case studies, attendees will learn to identify accidental versus intentional injuries, respond effectively to high-risk situations, and navigate the complexities of working with families in crisis.

Course Objectives

Participants will learn to:

- **Respond effectively to the death scene**, ensuring proper scene control and evidence preservation
- **Initiate a thorough investigation** into child deaths, including determining cause and manner of death
- **Evaluate infant deaths**, including SUIDI and SIDS, and distinguish myths from realities in shaken baby syndrome
- **Conduct doll reenactments** to reconstruct events and assess injuries
- **Determine accidental vs. intentional injuries**, including:
 - Falls and head injuries
 - Burns (patterns, severity, and temperature vs. time)
 - Bone fractures, bruises, and contusions
 - Signs of injuries in various stages of healing
- **Understand child neglect** and its contribution to fatalities
- **Analyze child homicide trends in the U.S.**, including:
 - Current child abduction trends
 - Detection of false abduction reports
 - Methods of disposing of child remains
 - Identification of unidentified child remains
- **Apply interview and interrogation strategies** with suspects, witnesses, and family members
- **Address victim and family issues**, including interacting with families in crisis
- **Recognize unique risks for children with special needs**, including those on the autism spectrum, and deaths from high-risk behaviors such as drowning
- **Review practical case studies** to reinforce investigative strategies and decision-making



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Instructor
Robert G. Lowery, Jr.
Major (Retired)
Florissant Police Department
Florissant, Missouri

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Seminar Agenda	
Tuesday, May 18, 2027	
8:00 – 8:30 am	Registration
8:30 – 9:00 am	The Initial Response to the Death Scene Identifying and Protecting the Scene Steps for Initiating the Investigation
9:00 – 11:30 am	Determining Cause and Manner of Death Infant Death - SUIDI and SIDS Shaken Baby Syndrome - Myths vs. Realities Determining Accidental vs. Intentional Injuries (Child Abuse) Falls - Head Injuries and Other Signs Abdominal Injuries
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Lunch (On Your Own)
12:30 – 1:30 pm	Thermal Injuries - Patterns, Sparing, Severity – Temperature vs. Time “Hot Car” Deaths
1:30 – 3:00 pm	Common Bone Fractures Bruises and Contusions Signs of Injuries in Various Stages of Healing Other Common Injuries
3:00 – 4:30 pm	Child Neglect Overview - Factors Leading to Death Overview of Munchausen by Proxy
Wednesday, May 19, 2027	
8:00 – 9:30 am	Overview of Child Homicide in the United States Current Trends in Child Abduction
9:30 – 11:30 am	Determining False Reports of Child Abduction Common Methods of Disposal of Remains of Children Identifying Unidentified Remains of Children

11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Lunch (On Your Own)
12:30 – 1:30 pm	Interview and Interrogation Strategies
1:30 – 2:30 pm	Victim and Family Issues – Interacting with Families in Crisis
2:30 – 4:30 pm	An Overview of Children with Special Needs Unique Risks - Children on the Autism Spectrum Deaths by Drowning and Other High-Risk Behavior Other Issues - Investigating Reports of Neglect Involving Special Needs Children Case Studies
4:30 pm	Certificate Presentation

This course has been approved by the ABMDI for 13.5 hours of continuing education credit; Accreditation #24-082

Instructor Bio
Robert Lowery was the 5th police official to be appointed as Commander of the elite 35-year Greater St. Louis Major Case Squad, a multi-jurisdictional violent crime task force concerned with the high profile murder investigations in Missouri and Illinois. Serving 2.5 million citizens across 12 counties. Formed partnerships with Federal Law Enforcement agencies, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United State Marshal Service, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Secret Service and Internal Revenue to maximize resources available for in-progress homicide cases. Robert created the Technical Operations Group, a specially-trained team designed to provide electronic support in tracking and locating suspects. Robert created the Family Liaison Program which provided specially-trained investigators to work with families of victims of homicide cases, investigated violent crimes with 500 Law Enforcement Investigators from over 100 local, county, state, federal agencies and managed high-level murder cases in collaboration with numerous officers and agencies.
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.

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Seminar Title:	Investigating Cases of Child Homicide and Unexplained Deaths of Children
Seminar ID:	#17456
Dates:	May 18 & 19, 2027
Registration Time:	May 18, 2027, 8 am
Instructors:	Robert G. Lowery, Jr.
Seminar Location:	South Texas College Regional Center for Public Safety Excellence 3901 S. Cage Blvd. Pharr, Texas 78577
Hotel Reservations:	Courtyard by Marriott McAllen Airport 2131 South 10th St. McAllen, Texas 78503 1- 956-668-7800 State Gov’t Rate (plus tax)
Group Code:	State Gov’t Rate - Must show State Gov’t ID at check in to receive rate
Registration Fee:	\$325.00 Includes Investigating Cases of Child Homicide and Unexplained Deaths of Children Training, Printed Training Manual and Certificate of Completion



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