Training Course on Crime Scene Management and Evidential Chain of Custody

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	General Training	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

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

1. Implement **systematic crime scene processing** techniques according to established protocols.
2. Properly **identify and document physical evidence** using standardized methodologies.
3. Apply effective **evidence collection and packaging** methods to maintain integrity.
4. Establish and maintain a legally sound **chain of custody documentation** for all evidence.
5. Understand the principles of **forensic contamination control** and prevention.
6. Utilize various **crime scene photography and sketching** techniques accurately.
7. Apply appropriate procedures for the **collection of biological evidence** and trace evidence.
8. Manage and secure **digital evidence** according to best practices and legal standards.
9. Understand the legal requirements for the **admissibility of forensic evidence** in court.
10. Apply **quality assurance measures in forensic evidence handling** and documentation.
11. Effectively communicate **forensic findings and chain of custody details** in reports and testimony.
12. Understand the role of different **forensic disciplines** in crime scene investigation.
13. Apply ethical considerations and **professional standards in forensic science**.

Organizational Benefits

- Enhanced accuracy and reliability of evidence collection and handling.
- Reduced risk of evidence spoliation and legal challenges.
- Improved efficiency and effectiveness of investigative processes.
- Increased competence and confidence of personnel in crime scene management.
- Strengthened reputation for maintaining high standards of forensic integrity.

Target Participants

This course is designed for professionals including:

1. Law Enforcement Officers
2. Crime Scene Technicians
3. Forensic Investigators
4. Detectives
5. Legal Professionals (Prosecutors, Defense Attorneys)
6. Medical Examiners and Coroners
7. Military Police Personnel
8. Security Personnel involved in investigations

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Module 1: Introduction to Crime Scene Management

- Principles of Crime Scene Investigation
- Types of Crime Scenes and Initial Response
- Scene Assessment and Safety Procedures
- Legal Considerations and Search Warrants
- Roles and Responsibilities of Crime Scene Personnel

Module 2: Crime Scene Documentation - Photography

- Principles of Crime Scene Photography
- Types of Photographs and Techniques
- Establishing Context and Scale
- Digital Photography and Image Management
- Legal Aspects of Photographic Evidence

Module 3: Crime Scene Documentation - Sketching and Mapping

- Importance of Crime Scene Sketches
- Types of Sketches and Measurement Techniques
- Creating Rough and Finished Sketches
- Utilizing Technology for Scene Mapping
- Documenting the Location of Evidence

Module 4: Evidence Identification and Collection - Physical Evidence

- Types of Physical Evidence (e.g., fingerprints, footprints, tool marks)
- Methods for Locating and Identifying Physical Evidence
- Proper Collection Techniques for Various Evidence Types
- Packaging and Labeling Physical Evidence
- Maintaining the Integrity of Physical Evidence

Module 5: Evidence Identification and Collection - Biological Evidence

- Types of Biological Evidence (e.g., blood, hair, DNA)
- Collection of Biological Stains and Samples
- Preventing Cross-Contamination
- Packaging and Preservation of Biological Evidence
- Legal Considerations for Biological Sample Collection

Module 6: Evidence Identification and Collection - Trace Evidence

- Types of Trace Evidence (e.g., fibers, hairs, paint, glass)
- Methods for Locating and Collecting Trace Evidence
- Microscopy and Instrumental Analysis Overview
- Packaging and Handling Trace Evidence
- Significance of Trace Evidence in Investigations

Module 7: The Chain of Custody - Principles and Importance

- Definition and Significance of the Chain of Custody
- Legal Implications of a Broken Chain of Custody
- Documentation Requirements and Best Practices
- Transferring and Receiving Evidence
- Maintaining Accountability for Evidence

Module 8: Establishing and Maintaining the Chain of Custody

- Developing Standard Operating Procedures for Chain of Custody
- Utilizing Evidence Logs and Forms
- Electronic Chain of Custody Systems
- Addressing Errors and Discrepancies
- Auditing and Reviewing Chain of Custody Records

Module 9: Digital Evidence Management

- Identification and Collection of Digital Evidence (e.g., computers, mobile devices)
- Forensic Imaging and Preservation of Digital Data
- Maintaining the Chain of Custody for Digital Evidence
- Legal Challenges and Considerations for Digital Evidence
- Reporting and Presenting Digital Forensic Findings

Module 10: Forensic Contamination Control

- Sources of Contamination at Crime Scenes
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Its Proper Use
- Decontamination Procedures for Equipment and Personnel
- Establishing Contamination Control Zones
- Best Practices for Preventing Cross-Contamination

Module 11: Legal Aspects of Evidence Admissibility

- Rules of Evidence and Their Application to Forensic Evidence
- The Frye and Daubert Standards for Scientific Evidence
- Expert Witness Testimony and Qualifications
- Case Law Related to Evidence Admissibility
- Preparing Forensic Evidence for Court Presentation

Module 12: Quality Assurance in Forensic Evidence Handling

- Importance of Quality Assurance Programs
- Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and Protocols
- Evidence Handling and Documentation Audits
- Proficiency Testing and Training Requirements
- Accreditation Standards in Forensic Laboratories

Module 13: Crime Scene Reconstruction

- Principles of Crime Scene Reconstruction
- Utilizing Physical Evidence to Develop Theories
- Analyzing Patterns and Relationships
- The Role of Forensic Experts in Reconstruction
- Documenting and Presenting Reconstruction Findings

Module 14: Special Considerations in Crime Scene Management

- Handling Mass Fatality Incidents
- Investigating Arson and Explosions
- Dealing with Hazardous Materials at Crime Scenes
- Managing Sensitive Crime Scenes (e.g., sexual assault, child abuse)
- International Cooperation in Crime Scene Investigations

Module 15: Ethics and Professionalism in Forensic Science

- Ethical Responsibilities of Forensic Professionals
- Avoiding Bias and Maintaining Objectivity
- Confidentiality and Security of Information
- Professional Conduct and Testimony
- Continuing Professional Development

Training Methodology

This course will employ a blended learning approach, incorporating:

- Interactive lectures and presentations
- Case studies and real-world examples
- Practical exercises and simulations
- Group discussions and collaborative activities
- Demonstrations of evidence collection techniques

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
16 Nov 2026	20 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
16 Nov 2026	20 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
16 Nov 2026	20 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
16 Nov 2026	20 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
16 Nov 2026	20 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
16 Nov 2026	20 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
16 Nov 2026	20 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
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