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FIRE, ARSON, AND POST-BLAST INVESTIGATIONS

By

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ABOUT YOUR INSTRUCTOR:

Bruce Willis is a retired Instructor formerly employed by the Georgia Public Safety Training Center in Forsyth, Georgia (August 15, 2015). He holds a B.S degree in Criminal Justice from Valdosta State College, a M.S. in Public Administration from Columbus State University and an Ed. S. from Valdosta State University in Curriculum and Instruction. While initially employed by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, He completed his law enforcement career with the State of Georgia's Training Academy as the Forensic Instructor. Mr. Willis has consulted or examined in excess of 500 death scenes and testified as an expert in the following; Interviews and Interrogations, Bloodstain Pattern Analysis, Blood Detection at Crime Scenes, Forensic Photography, Basic Crime Scene Photography, Crime Scene Reconstruction, Ballistic Reconstruction, as well as fingerprint/palm development techniques, fingerprint classification, and fingerprint/palm print comparison, arson and post-blast Investigations. Mr. Willis is a POST certified instructor in these fields. He is an instructor of child death investigations, recovery of skeletal remains, and post mortem interval. Mr. Willis currently holds a State of Georgia Teaching Certificate in various fields to include Mathematics and Science. He is a POST Certified Identification Technician, Arson /Post-Blast Investigator, and POST certified Instructor. Mr. Willis is dedicated to Instruction and furtherance of forensic understanding in our law enforcement and legal community. He is an NFA Graduate and Dr. William Bass award winner.



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COURSE DATES: OCTOBER, 10– 14, 2016 LOCATION: COMMUNITY CENTER TRAINING ROOM
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM 200 MILITARY TRAIL
JUPITER, FL 33458

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Fire, Arson, and Post-Blast Investigations Crime Scene Processing is an inclusive and practical 40- hour course of instruction designed to aid investigators and officers in processing of fire and explosives crime scenes. These investigations generally are influenced by dynamics uncommon to most general crimes. Fire and explosive investigations can occur naturally, accidentally, or intentionally with criminal cases often focusing on political, religious, and complex financial motivations. The cases are difficult to prove leading to apprehension by investigators, prosecutors alike. Arson Investigators and Post-Blast Investigators not only will utilize initial response laws, NFPA publications 921,1021, and 1033 in conjunction with departmental policies and other established resources to complete a thorough fire/post-blast scene investigation.

COURSE TOPICS:

- Search and Seizure concerns at fire scenes
- Fire scene safety concerns and establishment of a safe working environment
- Establishment of scene boundaries and scene security
- A multi-disciplinary
- Current case-law governing fire/explosion investigation
- Working with quasi-governmental and civil forensic experts
- Scene documentation
- Crime Lab Analysis
- Case preparation
- Pre-trial concern
- Courtroom testimony
- Select fire scene case study practical

WHAT TO BRING TO THE COURSE:

Students should dress casually.

A computer is needed for a case study practical exercise.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course of instruction is designed to assist fire investigators, law enforcement, investigators, and prosecutors.