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**BASIC FINGERPRINT
COMPARISON AND
INTERPRETATION**

By
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ABOUT YOUR INSTRUCTOR:

Owen McDonnell is a retired lieutenant and supervisor of the Caddo Sheriff's Office crime scene investigations division in Shreveport, LA after thirty one years. He has over thirty years of experience in the field of crime scene investigations as well as latent print examinations and he holds an A.S. in law enforcement technology from Bossier Parish Community College, a B.S. in business administration, and a Masters in forensic science administration from Oklahoma State University. He is also a member of the Louisiana, Mississippi, and Florida divisions of the IAI. Owen has provided training in basic and advanced crime scenes, fingerprint development and comparison techniques to numerous law enforcement agencies in Louisiana. He is the past president of the Louisiana division of the International Association for Identification and currently serves as their regional representative and as chairman of their latent print certification committee. Owen is certified as a Senior Crime Scene Analyst, Ten Print Fingerprint Examiner, and Latent Print Examiner, and is currently a member of the Ten Print sub-committee of the International Association for Identification.



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COURSE DATES: SEPTEMBER 25 - 29, 2017
8:00 AM - 5:00PM

LOCATION: LINCOLN PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course serves as an introductory 40-hour session to fingerprints which includes but is not limited to lectures and practical exercises. The target audience will be those with little to no experience in fingerprint comparison for both ten print and latent print examiners. Subjects in this course include the history of friction ridge comparison, fingerprint pattern interpretation and classification, lecture and practical exercises, friction ridge structure and development, basic comparison techniques, latent print development and latent evaluation, comparison documentation, obtaining known standards of fingers and palms, and courtroom testimony basics. This course may also be an excellent review for those preparing for the Ten Print Certification test.



COURSE TOPICS:

- Historical perspectives of friction skin
- Foundation of friction skin as a means of identification
- Skin structure
- Pattern interpretation
- Obtaining known standards foundations
- Current fingerprint terminology analysis of suitability for comparisons.
- Red flag indicators
- Note taking, report writing
- Courtroom testimony basics
- AFIS and digital comparisons.

WHAT TO BRING TO CLASS:

Casual attire is suitable. Students will be required to bring their magnifying glasses and pointers. A personal laptop computer is recommended but not required.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This is a combination class with both lectures and hands on activities specifically designed for entry level ten print and latent print examiners. It will benefit anyone who has an interest in friction skin comparison, including those who need to brush up on their skills.