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FORENSIC ENTOMOLOGY

By

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ABOUT YOUR INSTRUCTOR:

Dr. Byrd is an Associate Professor and Associate Director of the William R. Maples Center for Forensic Medicine at the University of Florida's College of Medicine. He is a Board-Certified Forensic Entomologist and Diplomate of the American Board of Forensic Entomology. Dr. Byrd is the program director for UF's Veterinary Forensic Sciences, Wildlife Forensic Sciences, Shelter Medicine, and Forensic Medicine educational programs. He has been twice elected President of the American Board of Forensic Entomology, the North American Forensic Entomology Association, and the International Veterinary Forensic Science Association. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences.

Dr. Byrd has been consulting on forensic casework for over 25 years in the area of postmortem interval estimation and point of origin determination. Dr. Byrd serves as a Medicolegal Death Investigator within the National Disaster Medical System, Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team and serves as Commander for the Florida Emergency Mortuary Operations Response System. He has published numerous scientific articles on the use and application of entomological evidence in legal investigations. Dr. Byrd has combined his formal academic training in Entomology and Forensic Science to serve as a consultant in both criminal and civil legal investigations throughout the United States and Internationally.



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COURSE DATES: AUGUST 3 – 4, 2020
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

LOCATION: PARKER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
1748 BETHEL ROAD
WEATHERFORD, TX 76087

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will cover the various applications of forensic entomology in legal investigations. Upon completion of this course, participants should understand the scope and applications of forensic entomology, identify patterns of insect colonization of human and animal remains, interpret insect response to trauma, and recognize the patterns of insect driven decomposition.

Participants will also process a mock crime scene for entomological evidence. Scene photography and documentation will be completed, and participants will work in small groups to collect entomological evidence. The content and format of entomological reports will also be reviewed and the relevant information that should be contained within reports will be discussed.

COURSE TOPICS:

- Postmortem Interval estimation
- Insect Succession
- Insect life cycle
- Colonization patterns
- Buried remains
- Aquatic environments
- Burned remains
- Report writing
- Insect collections
- Indicators at the death scene

WHAT TO BRING TO THE COURSE:

The afternoon will be spent outdoors. Participants should dress appropriately for the expected weather conditions, and wear sunblock if needed. Each participant should also bring a digital camera.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Crime Scene Investigators,
Medicolegal Death Investigators,
forensic pathologists, and
homicide detectives