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# FORENSIC EXAMINATION OF VIOLENT CRIME SCENES

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Analysis and Bloodstain Pattern Analysis
Certified
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#### ABOUT YOUR INSTRUCTOR:

Jan Johnson is retired from the State of Florida with over forty years of experience in law enforcement. After ten years with the FBI, Jan made the transition to crime scene analysis. She is recognized by the International Association of Identification (IAI) as a Certified Senior Crime Scene Analyst (CSCSA) and worked for FDLE in Pensacola, Florida for over twenty-two years. As a laboratory analyst and crime scene examiner, Jan's field of experience includes detection, collection, and preservation of physical evidence, bloodstain pattern analysis, trajectory analysis, buried body and skeletal remains recovery, clandestine laboratories, and numerous other procedures involving crime scene investigations. Due to her expertise in bloodstain pattern analysis along with crime scene reconstruction and analysis, Jan has testified in hundreds of criminal cases as an expert witness. Before retiring in 2004, she spent three years with the Escambia County Sheriff's Office as the Supervisor of the Crime Scene Latent Print Units, as well as overseer of ECSO's state-of-the-art Crime Laboratory, which she designed. Jan also served in the highly distinguished role of President of the IAI in 2004, Chairman of the Board in 2005, and considers herself honored to have been on the IAI's original Crime Scene Certification Board. Jan served as the President for the Florida Division of the IAI in 2007 as well as Chairman of the Board in 2008 and continues to serve on various committees within both the IAI and Florida Division of the IAI. Jan has taught numerous courses in the areas of both Crime Scene, Bloodstain Pattern Analysis, Shooting Reconstruction and Crime Scene Reconstruction, to name a few, here in the United States as well as abroad, including Canada, South Africa, Brazil, Bermuda, Costa Rica, and El Salvador.



JAN JOHNSON, CSCSA

COURSE DATES: JUNE 2 – 4, 2021 LOCATION: WESTMINSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT RANGE

8:00 AM- 5:00 PM

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#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

When tasked with processing violent crime scenes, it's important to approach each scene as if it's a puzzle in need of solving. What pieces are missing? Which hypotheses make sense and which do not? Which pieces need to be kept to complete the full picture, if not now perhaps in the future? It may be hard to believe but the number one reason why most crime scene investigations fail is due to inadequate crime scene processing and analysis. The detection, collection, documentation, and preservation of each piece of physical evidence, especially in violent crime scenes, are integral parts of each and every crime scene investigation. The forensic puzzle can never complete without these pieces that are so important to both the crime scene investigation and analysis of cases. With this in mind, the goal of this interactive 24-hour course is to train the Investigating Officer in the areas and skills needed to process a violent crime scene or homicide. This course will include actual case studies as well as hands-on exercises. Upon completing this course, those in attendance should possess the skills necessary to efficiently and comfortably process a violent crime scene as well as to accurately collect a variety of items of physical and trace evidence.



#### **COURSE TOPICS:**

- Crime Scene Management
- Safety & Advanced
   Equipment for the Forensic
   Toolbox
- Evidence Detection,
   Collection, & Preservation
- Tool & Bite Mark Recovery
- Alternate Light Source Applications
- Blue-Star Forensic Blood
   Detection for Latent Blood
- Bloodstain Pattern
   Identification &
   Documentation
- Gunshot Residue Processing Techniques
- Report Writing
- Expert Witness Testimony

#### WHAT TO BRING TO CLASS?

Very casual attire is suitable for this training. A digital camera with and external flash and extension cable, along with a tripod is required for this training. A laptop computer for your tasks is also recommended but not required.

#### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This is a hands-on course that is specifically designed for crime scene officers, detectives, and Medical Examiners with or without experience. This course is taught in a manner in which the crime scene officer can easily understand.

