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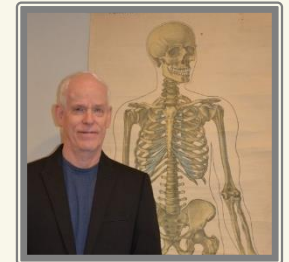
CHILD & INFANT DEATH INVESTIGATIONS

In Honor of Our Beloved Founder of Forensic Pieces, Jan Johnson, CSCSA

We commit to you the same techniques, structure, and integrity that our fearless leader Jan Johnson carried with her to every scene, every training, every conference, every time. It will be our constant goal to strive, meet, and exceed the extremely high standards set by the one who led thousands all over the world to success in the areas of Crime Scene Investigation, Bloodstain Pattern Analysis, Shooting Reconstruction, Crime Scene Reconstruction, and so much more. Each instructor and training will reflect the legacy Jan wanted for her company and the forensic community. We appreciate all the continued support as we forge ahead our new path forward. As Jan Johnson would always say: Full Speed Ahead!

ABOUT YOUR INSTRUCTOR:

Dr. Michael Berkland, D.O. is triple board by the American Board of Pathology. He has over 30 years of Forensic Pathology experience. Following medical school, he received his anatomic and clinical pathology training within the U.S. Army at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, TX. He became one of the Dep. Regional Medical Examiners for the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP), as well as Chief of Pathology at Munson Army Community Hospital at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He has been Chief ME and Deputy Chief ME in numerous locations as he was re-stationed throughout the U.S. He is the only board-certified forensic pathologist to also have held the certification for Certified Senior Crime Scene Analyst (CSCSA) by the IAI, the world's largest group of professional criminalists serving as Past Secretary for the IAI Crime Scene Certification Board as well as being a Past President and Chairman of the Board of the FL Division of the IAI. Due to his extensive background, he is considered an expert in numerous forensic subspecialties to include shooting and crime scene reconstruction with sequencing events within the crime scene. He holds Child and Infant deaths as one of those specialties in forensics that has undergone a slow evolution during his 30 years of practice and has performed examinations on over 300 child and infant fatalities. Dr. Berkland brings a unique teaching style to his presentations, coupling all of the findings from the crime scene to the courtroom.



COURSE DATES: JULY 21 – 23, 2025
8:00 AM – 5:30 PM

LOCATION: TBD

RECOMMENDED LODGING: HYATT PLACE
2465 SKYE WAY
PENSACOLA, FL 32504
PHONE: (850) 483-5599

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Crime scene technicians, detectives, and investigators from all levels of experience, child protection team members, state and defense attorneys and nurses will benefit from this training as we cover the topic of child and infant death investigations. The presentations will cover medicolegal, crime scene, and autopsy finding aspects of the subject. We will specifically discuss scene processing, evidence collection and investigative techniques as they relate to child death investigations. Child and infant death investigations require a unique approach and can be complicated for even the most seasoned investigator. The training will thoroughly cover the numerous aspects of these investigative cases and promote critical thinking and evaluation of these crime scenes and all the puzzle pieces to help delineate homicides from accidental and natural deaths, even in the most subtle of cases. Actual case scenarios will be presented with attendees solving the cases in small working groups with hands-on review of actual forensic case materials.

**COURSE TOPICS:**

- Classification of child deaths
- SIDS and SUIDS
- Child abuse injuries and differential diagnosis
- Initial Approach to death investigations
- Hospital presentations of abuse cases
- Accidental v homicide deaths
- Abusive head trauma
- SBS and findings
- Investigative difficulties
- General scene documentation & photography of physical evidence
- Sexual abuse cases
- Approach to interviews
- Elements of successful prosecution
- Biological evidence detection and collection
- Report writing and bullet-proofing reports
- Courtroom testimony (time permitting)

WHAT TO BRING TO CLASS:

Casual attire is suitable.
A laptop computer for notetaking and a camera for mock scene documentation is recommended but not required.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course is designed to educate crime scene technicians, detectives, and investigators of all levels. State Attorneys, Defense Attorneys, as well as nurses and child protection team personnel will benefit from the presented materials.

