

## Registration for the Forensic Pieces of Child and Infant Death Investigations

### COURSE DATES

July 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Wednesday to Friday

Time: 8:00 am – 5:30 pm

### COURSE LOCATION

Forensic Pieces, Inc. | Hyatt Place

2468 Skye Way

Pensacola, FL 32504

### COURSE HOST

Forensic Pieces, Inc.

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### COST: \$485

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: FORENSIC PIECES, INC.  
TIN# 900496490. CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS ARE ALSO ACCEPTED.  
PLEASE **NOTE**: A 3.5% CARD PROCESSING FEE IS ADDED TO THE  
COURSE TOTAL IF A CREDIT CARD IS USED. PLEASE MAIL CHECKS TO  
FORENSIC PIECES (CONTACT INFO BELOW).



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brochure for Instructor Bio, Course  
Description and Topics, What to Bring, &  
Recommended Lodging.**

## **In Honor of Our Beloved Founder of Forensic Pieces Inc., 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!**

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This is a hands-on course that is designed to help investigators in shooting reconstruction scenes. This course is taught in a way the crime scene officer can easily understand. Welcoming law enforcement, students, CSI's, forensic experts and more!

## WHAT TO BRING?

Casual attire, pen, paper, highlighter, note cards and any note taking device. A camera is recommended for the hands-on wallboard and vehicle exercises; however, a cell phone camera will suffice. If you have a trajectory kit to utilize, bring it if possible.

## RECOMMENDED LODGING

Hyatt Place  
2468 Skye Wy.,  
Pensacola, FL 32504  
(850) 483-5589 | [Reserve](#)

## MEET YOUR INSTRUCTOR

### Dr. Michael Berkland, D.O.

A highly experienced forensic pathologist with over 30 years in the field, holding triple board certifications in Anatomic, Clinical, and Forensic Pathology. Trained in the U.S. Army, he has served as a Chief Medical Examiner in various locations and is uniquely certified as a Senior Crime Scene Analyst. Dr.

Berkland has examined over 3,000 crime scenes and specializes in forensic subspecialties like shooting reconstruction and child fatalities. His instruction reflects the legacy Jan wanted and offers comprehensive learning experience, integrating crime scene analysis with courtroom insights, tailored for professionals in the field.

For his full professional background visit our Instructors Page at [www.forensicpieces.com](http://www.forensicpieces.com).

## 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. This in-depth 24-hour 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. **These 24 course hours have been approved by the International Association of Identification (IAI) to be applied to credit hours used to acquire IAI Crime Scene Certification as well as re-certification.**

## 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 bulletproofing reports
- Courtroom testimony (time permitting)