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# Palm Print Search & Comparison Techniques

**Instructor: W. Morgan Hays**

**October 1 - 3, 2018**

**Tuition: \$430**

**Gainesville Police Department  
545 NW 8th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601**

#### **Lodging information:**

**Hampton Inn & Suites Gainesville Downtown  
101 SE 1st Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601**

Room Rate: \$102 + tax | Call the hotel (352-240-9300) and request the Tri-Tech Forensics special rate.

This course has been approved for 24 hours of certification/re-certification training credits by both the IAI Latent Print Certification Board and the IAI Tenprint Fingerprint Certification Board.



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## ABOUT TRITECH

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## COURSE DESCRIPTION

# Palm Print Search and Comparison Techniques

This course serves as the primary level of training for those individuals working or seeking employment in the field of fingerprint identification.

Many latent print examiners, novice and expert alike, find conducting analysis and comparison on palm prints and the lower joints of the fingers to be challenging. However, there are many clues in the friction ridge skin of the hands that can make orientating, searching, and comparing these prints very easy.

This three-day workshop is designed to introduce you to those clues to assist you in this process and help speed up the amount of time you spend trying to conduct your casework.

By knowing these clues, the work you do on palm prints and the lower joints of the fingers will be quicker and more productive. Eventually, as you practice these hints over time, you will find that palm prints and lower joints of the fingers can be just as easy as fingerprints!

Because it specializes in palm prints, this workshop is designed to fill the training gap for novice latent print examiners who may not have had a palm print course or to serve as a refresher for veteran latent print examiners who have.

Upon completion of this workshop, the student should gain knowledge of position orientation clues located within the ridge flow and creases of the palms of the hands. This information should assist the attendee with speed and efficiency when searching and orientating latent palm prints for either manual comparisons or automated searches. The practical exercises are designed to reinforce the topics covered in the lecture each day of the class and progressively increase in difficulty culminating in a final exam.

Magnifiers are not required for this course, however, the student may bring their own if they prefer.

This workshop is best suited for latent print examiners who have at a minimum completed a 40-hour basic latent print workshop.

## Topics of Discussion

- Areas and Ridge Flow
- Deltas and Pattern Types
- Major and Minor Creases of the Palms of the Hands
- Ridge Flow
- Creases of the Lower Joints of the Fingers

## COURSE INSTRUCTOR

### W. MORGAN HAYS

Morgan Hays is supervisor of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Latent Print section at the Jacksonville Regional Operations Center. He began his forensics career with FDLE in August of 2002 as a crime lab technician in the DNA Database section. He was promoted to forensic technologist in the Chemistry/Toxicology section in August 2003 and then promoted to crime laboratory analyst in the Latent Print section in August of 2004. In August of 2009, he became supervisor of Latent Print and Impression Evidence section. In 2009, he was awarded the Missing Children's Day Law Enforcement Task Force/Team of the Year by the State of Florida.



Morgan is a certified latent print examiner by the International Association for Identification (IAI). He is an active member of both the IAI and the Florida Division of the International Association for Identification (FDIAI). He serves as chairman of the Latent Print Committee for FDIAI, is a former member of the Anthropology/Entomology Committee, and has worked his way through the ranks from Region 2 director to President of the association. In addition to filling positions of leadership, he has taught numerous colloquia and given lectures at FDIAI conferences, including "Biological Aspects of Friction Ridge Skin" and "Conflict Resolution

and Verification." Morgan is also an ASCLD/LAB – International Certified Assessor for the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board. He has participated as a technical assessor of latent prints for ISO 17025 laboratory accreditation assessments from the municipal to the federal level. Morgan earned bachelor's and master's degrees in Anthropology from Florida State University.