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Detection of Forged and Fabricated Latent Prints

**Instructors: Rachelle Babler, CLPE and
Tom Washington, CLPE**

April 6 - 7, 2020

Tuition: \$429

Location:

**Michigan State Police - EOC Conference Room
42145 W 7 Mile Road | Northville, MI 48167**

Lodging Information:

**Holiday Inn Express & Suites
21100 Haggerty Road | Northville, MI 48167
248-675-1020**

Room Rate: \$100 Sunday Night / \$105 Monday Night (Hotel provides shuttle to the training site)

Booking Info: Call the hotel and mention the Michigan State Police Fingerprint Training course to receive the special rate.



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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Detection of Forged & Fabricated Latent Prints

This 2-day, 16-hour Detection of Forged and Fabricated Latent Prints Workshop will explore the forgery and fabrication of latent prints and how an examiner can detect characteristics of this fraudulent activity during his or her analysis. The forgery and/or fabrication of latent prints is a serious issue of which examiners must be aware in order to document and bring to light its use. Familiarity with forged and fabricated latent prints can also assist the examiner in determining that evidence of forgery and fabrication is NOT present in a case.

This workshop includes:

Forgery (Day 1)

The first day of class will be focused on learning about fingerprint forgeries and how to detect them during the analysis process. The class will review the different methods in forging fingerprints and will, with experimentation, try to replicate forged prints using these methods. This will improve an examiners ability to recognize forged prints during casework.

In addition, there will also be a review on “spoofing” or the use of forged fingers in bypassing biometric security systems. The class will discuss the different types of biometric sensors as well as some case review of incidents involving spoofing.

Fabrication (Day 2)

The second day of class will focus on the fabrication of latent prints and how an examiner can detect them during the analysis process. The class will review the three methods of fabricating, hands on experimentation to recognize ‘red flags’, several case studies, testimony, ethics, and suggestions for standard operating procedures regarding this fraudulent activity.

This course is appropriate for Latent Print Examiners of all skill-levels. Students should bring a fingerprint magnifier to class.



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COURSE INSTRUCTORS

Rachelle Babler, CLPE & Tom Washington, CLPE

RACHELLE BABLER, CLPE



Rachelle Babler is a Certified Latent Print Examiner and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in the Administration of Criminal Justice, Associates degree in Para-Medicine, and has been employed in the field of forensics for almost 20 years.

Rachelle started her career in forensics as a Forensic Specialist with Escondido Police Department for approximately three years prior to joining San Diego Police Department for almost 18 years as a Latent Print Examiner. She recently resigned from SDPD and now works independently.

Rachelle is involved with teaching, training, and has presented her research globally. Rachelle was a former member and Executive Secretary of SWGFAST. She is Chairperson for the Regional Latent Print Study Group for San Diego County and a former member and Executive Secretary of the OSAC Friction Ridge Subcommittee. Rachelle's research primarily focuses on the fabrication of latent prints and plantar impressions.

TOM WASHINGTON, CLPE



Tom Washington is a Certified Latent Print Examiner with the San Diego Police Department's Crime Laboratory. Tom has been working in the field of forensics for over 21 years. The first 3 years of his career, Tom worked in the Crime Scene Unit as a Forensic Specialist. Since then, Tom has been working in the Latent Print Unit.

As well as working for SDPD, Tom is also an Adjunct Professor at Grossmont Community College, teaching Advanced Fingerprint Identification.

Tom has been a guest lecturer at several conferences. Tom holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice Administration as well as degrees in Evidence Technology and Photography. Tom's research primarily focuses on the forgery of latent prints.