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# Crime Scene Investigations

**Instructors: Sharon Plotkin, MS, CCSI**

**December 7 - 11, 2020**

**Tuition: \$579 | Hours: 8 am - 5 pm**

**Hosted By: Florence Police Department**

#### Location:

**City of Florence, Rosetta Training Facility  
175 Rosetta Drive | Florence, KY 41042**

#### Lodging Information:

**Homewood Suites  
1090 Vandercar Way | Florence, KY 41042  
859-283-2111**

**Room Rate:** \$113 plus tax - single or double occupancy | Free Breakfast, Wi-Fi, Parking ; Evening Manager's Reception  
**Booking Info:** Contact the hotel and mention the CSI Course to receive the special rate.

This course has been approved for 40 hours of certification/recertification training credit by the IAI Crime Scene Certification Board.



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## ABOUT TRITECH

A leader in the forensics market, Tri-Tech Forensics provides evidence collection and crime scene investigation products and training to crime labs and crime scene investigators throughout the world. With over 30 years of experience, we are the nation's most proficient developer and manufacturer of forensic kits. We are committed to providing our customers with state-of-the-art forensics products and services at affordable prices. It is our goal, through our research and development program, to continue to develop superior products and training to aid in all aspects of crime scene investigation and crime lab analysis. We know how important our products and training are to the forensics community, from investigation to prosecution. Our mission is the same as our customers – *Identify. Protect. Preserve.*

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

# Essential Crime Scene Investigations

Crime scene processing is the foundation to successful investigation and prosecution of crimes. Without a thorough crime scene investigation, key elements of a crime may not be recognized or established. Although each crime scene will vary slightly, there are essential crime scene investigation practices which can guide crime scene personnel in physical evidence recovery and methodical documentation. Physical evidence recovered from the crime scene may take various forms; therefore, having an understanding of the types of physical evidence typically encountered at a crime scene will aid the investigator in locating and collecting the most valuable evidence. Developing proper documentation and evidence collection practices is critical for any crime scene investigator.

This five-day course is designed to introduce crime scene personnel to essential crime scene processing methods that can be employed at any type of scene. Initial crime scene response, note taking, diagramming, search techniques, and photography principles will be covered.

Various types of evidence typically located at crime scenes will be discussed, as well as methods for proper collection, development, and preservation of located evidence. Friction ridge and footwear processing and preservation techniques will be covered in detail along with documentation of bloody scenes and collection of biological evidence, to include chemical processing with Amido Black and LCV. Topics will include cleaned crime scenes and blood search techniques such as grid searching and Bluestar®, in addition to low light photography principles. Lastly, the course will delve into report writing, court testimony preparation and techniques, and Photoshop processing tools.

Practical exercises will be utilized throughout the course to enhance the learning experience. All practical activities are designed to provide participants with a foundation to better approach crime scenes and employ best practices. At the culmination of this training, students will be well equipped to approach crime scenes with knowledge and essential tools to perform a systematic crime scene investigation.

## COURSE INSTRUCTOR

### NIKKI WAGAR, CCSA, CLPE



Nikki Wagar is a latent print examiner and crime scene analyst with experience in photography, biometric database testing, complex latent print examinations, conflict resolution, bloodstain pattern analysis, processing of major crime scenes, and forensic anthropology. She is a Certified Latent Print Examiner and Certified Crime Scene Analyst through the International Association for Identification (IAI) and has been practicing both specialties for over 12 years. Nikki began her career with the California Department of Justice, Bureau of Forensic Services and continued her presence in forensic science as a Forensic Analyst working for the Washington County Sheriff's Office in Oregon. Nikki has a master's degree in Forensic Science, a bachelor's degree in Physical Anthropology, and a certificate in Forensic Identification.

Nikki has been involved with teaching forensic topics since 2006. Her training experience includes locating and recovering buried bodies, latent print comparison and processing techniques, latent print examination and analysis processes, and crime scene processing. She maintains dedication to the community by performing continual research studies, and has presented her research internationally. She is particularly interested in researching the longevity and recoverability of latent prints in variable environments, as well as researching and implementing more efficient methods within the latent print community to support accuracy, repeatability, and timeliness. Nikki has worked extensively on grant writing and policy creation and is dedicated to furthering quality assurance practices within the forensic community.