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# Modern Fingerprint Development & Documentation

**Instructor: Sharon Plotkin, MS, CCSI**

**November 2 - 6, 2020 | 8 am - 5 pm**

**Tuition: \$599**

#### **Location:**

Midwest City Fraternal Order of Police Lodge  
8705 SE 15th Street | Midwest City, OK 73110

#### **Lodging Information:**

Hotel Inn Express  
1700 S Sooner Road | Midwest City, OK 73110  
405-736-1000

**Room Rate:** \$105 plus tax (Prevailing GSA Lodging Rate) | Free Breakfast, Parking, & Wi-Fi  
To make reservations, call the hotel directly. Be sure to mention the Modern Fingerprint course to receive the special rate.

*This course has been submitted to the IAI for approval for certification/recertification training credit(s).*



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## ABOUT TRITECH

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## COURSE DESCRIPTION

### Modern Fingerprint Development & Documentation

Modern Fingerprint Development and Documentation course is a comprehensive workshop that includes a historical perspective regarding latent fingerprints, physical and chemical processing of latent fingerprint evidence as well as latent print photography. The course will provide lectures, power points, hand out materials and many hands-on practicums to ensure all objectives are met.

#### Objectives:

- Introduction to the anatomy and physiology of latent prints and latent print residue
- Major case prints and exemplars
- Personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Alternate light source
- Latent print processing: Porous and Non-Porous surfaces
- Latent print processing: challenging surfaces
  - human skin, wet surfaces, tape adhesive, fabrics, wood, greasy surfaces
- Enhancement and detection of fingerprints in blood
- Fingerprint evidence photography including alternate light source photography

At the conclusion of this Modern Fingerprint Development & Documentation course, the student should understand the physiological components of latent print residue, importance and collection of major case prints and identify the most effective latent print processing technique(s) with a consideration of surface and environmental considerations.

The student will learn how to preserve the latent print evidence using alternate light sources and utilizing advanced photography techniques.

## COURSE INSTRUCTOR

### SHARON PLOTKIN, MS, CCSI



Sharon obtained her Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Psychology from Florida International University. She obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work, also from Florida International University and an Associate of Arts degree in Psychology from Broward Community College. She is currently seeking a doctoral degree in education. She is a member of several forensic organizations including American Academy of Forensic Science, International Association for Identification and Goldcoast Forensics.

In 2006, Sharon Plotkin received her certification in crime scene investigations through International Association for Identification and has been doing crime scene work for almost 21 years. She has handled thousands of cases ranging from burglaries to homicides and suspicious death cases.

Sharon has received specialized training in various fields of crime scene investigations, including bloodstain reconstruction, photography, crime scene reconstruction, fingerprinting, shoe wear casting and other various topics. She has traveled throughout the United States and Taiwan attending crime scene conferences taught by experts, such as Dr. Henry Lee, Dr. Michael Baden, Dr. Vincent DiMaio, Vernon Geberth, Dr. Bill Bass, Paul Kish, Richard Saferstein and other highly notable crime scene experts.

She taught courses for Dr. Henry Lee and has taught crime scene courses throughout Florida, the United States and in the Cayman Islands and China. She has been a lecturer at several mystery writers' conferences all over the country assisting them "to keep it real".

Sharon has utilized her resources in law enforcement by hosting several important programs and summits with her colleagues in disseminating critical issues that impact students and the community in areas of distracted driving, wrongful convictions courtroom testimony, and gun violence.

Sharon published a crime scene reconstruction textbook with author Robert Ogle Jr. and is currently working on a second textbook. She is also a member of DMORT (Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team) and FEMORS (Florida Emergency Mortuary Operations Response System response. She is currently the regional director for Region 5 for the Florida Division of the International Association for Identification.