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# Crime Scene Investigations

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

**June 14 - 18, 2021**

**Tuition: \$599 | Hours: 8 am - 5 pm**

**Hosted By: Martin County Sheriff's Office**

#### **Location:**

**800 SE Monterey RD | Stuart, FL 34994**

#### **Lodging Information:**

**Hampton Inn & Suites, Stuart- North  
1150 NW Federal Hwy | Stuart, FL 34994  
772-692-6922**

**Room Rate:** \$99 per night plus tax (if applicable) | Free Breakfast, Wi-Fi, Parking

**Booking Info:** Contact the hotel and mention the CSI Course to receive the special rate. Rate expires 5/30/21.



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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

# Crime Scene Investigations Workshop

This 40-hour course is designed to instruct the proper methods and techniques to be applied when investigating and documenting crime scenes. Techniques that can be employed to identify and process and/or collect physical evidence at the scene will be covered.

The course is intended for crime scene technicians and investigators as well as patrol officers and detectives who are charged with the responsibility of processing crime scenes. University student and individuals seeking employment in the field of forensics are also welcome to attend.

### Day 1: Documenting Crime Scenes

Documenting the crime scene with note taking, report writing, sketching and photography will be practiced. Crime scene search principles and patterns will be discussed.

### Day two- Photography, Impression Evidence, Trace Evidence

Crime scene photography techniques are continued. Detection and collection of impression and trace evidence will be practiced.

Packaging of evidence and chain-of-custody concerns will be discussed. The use of forensic light sources for the detection of trace evidence such as body fluids will be practiced.

### Day three- Fingerprint Evidence

Mechanical and chemical processing of fingerprint evidence will be practiced. Topics include recognizing surfaces conducive to processing and recognition of appropriate processes to be used in various instances.

### Day Four- Intro to Bloodstain Reconstruction

Methods for the detection and enhancement of the visibility of latent bloodstains and documenting bloodstain evidence will be practiced.

### Day Five- Intro to Shooting Reconstruction, Toolmark Evidence, and Testimony

Documentation of bullet trajectories using lasers, rods, and string will be practiced. Casting toolmark impressions will be practiced. Testifying in court as to findings at the crime scene will be discussed.

## 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.

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.