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Child Death Investigations

Instructor:

Trish Fore, D-ABMDI

May 8 - 9, 2023

Hours: 8 am - 5 pm

Tuition: \$355

Location:

Hawthorne Police Department

12501 Hawthorne Blvd

Hawthorne, CA 90250

Certification: The Child Death Investigations course is approved for 16 hours of certification/re-certification credit hours by the IAI Crime Scene Investigation Board.



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ABOUT TRITECH

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Child Death Investigations

Because communication is key to any death investigation, this training has a focus on interdisciplinary approaches and collaboration. Professionals from a variety of agencies are encouraged to attend.

With every state in the country now having some type of child fatality review system in place, the process by which child death cases are handled and investigated is under immense scrutiny. Every agency having a role in a child death investigation must be prepared to have their involvement analyzed from beginning to end.

Communication is the number one reason agencies identify as a system issue in many investigations. Unfortunately, it is an issue that can permeate and wreak havoc at any stage of an investigation.

This program addresses child deaths from an interdisciplinary perspective. This approach

provides all agencies the necessary information to not only investigate and gather information but to understand and appreciate the details and collaboration required in order to make a final determination of cause and manner of death.

Students will be provided with a copy of Lisa Mayhew's book, "Child Death Investigations: Interdisciplinary Techniques from Cradle to Court."

Topics include

- The pathological aspects of cause of death. What is SIDS anyway?
- Why are infants so complicated?
- Court issues—Now that we are here, what is going to happen?
- Reconstructions
- Interviewing families.

COURSE INSTRUCTOR

TRISH FORE, D-ABMDI

Trish Fore is a 1994 West Virginia University (WVU) graduate. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Child Development and Family Studies while on a full scholarship with the WVU Women's



Basketball team. Upon graduation, Ms. Fore began her career in child advocacy as a Child Protective Services (CPS) worker in West Virginia. Starting out investigating child abuse and neglect allegations, Ms. Fore's experience and education allowed her a smooth transition into the position of Investigative Supervisor.

In 2011, Ms. Fore was made Director of the West Virginia Fatality Review program where she coordinated and reviewed domestic violence and all preventable child deaths. Ms. Fore organized multidisciplinary reviews to identify case trends, patterns, and risk factors. Ms. Fore promoted public awareness of child deaths and specialized in infant death scenes.

As Director, Ms. Fore was housed in the West Virginia Office of the Chief Medical Examiner where she gained extensive experience in death scene investigations. She obtained her WV Medicolegal Death Scene Investigation certification and was appointed as a County Medical Examiner (CoME), working evenings and weekends. Ms. Fore also trained law enforcement professionals, social workers, and medical personnel on child death investigations across the state of West Virginia.