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Discovering Trace Evidence

Instructor: Sharon Plotkin, MS, CCSI

March 13 - 16, 2023

Tuition: \$549 | Hours: 8 am - 5 pm

Location:

**Weld County Sheriff's Office | West Training Facility
2110 "O" Street | Greeley, CO 80631**

Lodging Information:

**DoubleTree by Hilton Greeley
919 7th Street | Greeley, CO 80631
970-350-5407**

Room Rate: \$96 plus tax | Free Wi-Fi, Free Parking

Booking Info: Please call the hotel and mention the Crime Scene Photography course to reserve your room at the special (GSA) rate.

This course is approved for 32 hours of certification/recertification 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

Discovering Trace Evidence

Trace evidence is defined as minute quantities and applies in the forensics field and Locard's Exchange Principle which refers to the transfer of material of physical evidence that is small (Ogle & Plotkin, 2018). Locating, documenting and examination of trace evidence requires instrumentation for these minute pieces of evidence. Despite the challenges of trace evidence in linking specific individuals to crime scenes and one another through individual characteristics, the importance of class evidence is its ability to clear or exonerate suspect quickly and effectively.

The purpose of this 4-day Discovering Trace Evidence workshop is to introduce attendees to the importance of trace evidence such as hair, fibers, soil, paint,

accelerants, glass and gunshot residue in crime scene investigations and the ability to successfully locate this evidence through tools such as alternate light sources, document this evidence through advanced photographic techniques and effective collection for submission to the lab for analysis. Power points, lectures, interactive activities, and many hands-on labs will be implemented throughout the workshop to ensure all objectives are met.

LEARNING GOALS: At the completion of this 4-day workshop, attendees will be introduced to the importance of trace evidence as valuable minute evidence on crime scenes, and the tools and equipment necessary for the documentation and collection of this evidence.

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