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# Foundational Friction Ridge Comparison

**Instructor:**

**Pat Wertheim**

**June 12 - 16, 2023**

**Tuition: \$639 | Hours: 8 am - 5 pm**

**Location:**

Irving Police Training Academy  
2603 Esters Road | Irving, TX 75062

**Lodging Information:**

Hyatt House  
5901 N MacArthur Boulevard | Irving, TX 75039  
972-831-0909

**Room Rate:** \$109 plus tax - One Bedroom Suite | Free Breakfast, Free Wi-Fi, Free Parking

**Booking Info:** Please call the hotel and mention the Crime Scene Photography course or use the following booking link to reserve your room at the special (sub-GSA) rate. \*\*Cutoff Date - May 22, 2023



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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

### Foundational Friction Ridge Comparison

Latent print examiners face conflicting pressures for high productivity and thoroughness as they struggle to control backlog. An evolving paradigm shift from reporting absolute identifications to using probability modeling has left many examiners without an understanding of the historical foundations of friction ridge skin (FRS) identification. In court, calling attorneys often fail to lead the FRS expert through testimony in a logical and comprehensive sequence of questions.

Students in this basic to intermediate level of training will increase both speed of comparisons and ability to make difficult identifications through systematic target selection, target memorization, and target acquisition. Students will be able to explain the evolution of the philosophies of science as applicable to FRS comparison. Students will testify in accordance with current best practices in the discipline of FRS identification and include all essential elements of expert testimony in a logical sequence.

## COURSE INSTRUCTOR

### PAT WERTHEIM

Pat Wertheim earned his bachelor's degree in geophysics from Texas A&M University in 1971 and began his law enforcement career in 1973. Working crime scenes from his earliest days, Pat progressed to latent print comparisons in 1977 and first testified to identifications by 1979. He has worked for the Kerrville, TX, Police Department; the Plano, TX, Police Department; the Arizona Department of Public Safety; the US Army Criminal Investigation Laboratory; and as a private consultant. Pat is currently employed as a Latent Print Examiner with the Fort Worth, TX, Police Crime Laboratory.

Pat began teaching latent print comparison classes in 1986. He has taught courses in 25 states, as well as in the UK, the Netherlands, the Caribbean, Australia, New Zealand, and Pacific islands. He has testified at all levels of court from municipal, justice, state, and Federal to internationally in Scotland, England, and South Africa.

Pat had originally "retired" from teaching, but he is returning to the classroom for occasional courses in fingerprint comparison and testimony skills through Tri-Tech Training for the IAI.

