



## **Human Remains Recovery Course**

3-day (24-hour) training

#### **Description:**

The training provided in this course will give students an advanced, practical understanding of forensic field methods used in the recovery of clandestine skeletal human remains scenes. This 3-day, 24-hour course is designed for crime scene investigators, law enforcement, death investigators, autopsy technicians, medical examiners, and other professionals that need to be able to search, document, and recover human remains. Additionally, this course allows students to practice both standard and technology-assisted mapping techniques. Fundamentals to time since death estimations are discussed.

## DATES

27 - 29 March 2024

#### LOCATION

16301 Innovation Lane Fort Myers, FL 33913

#### COST

\$1,000.00

Includes hands-on practical laboratory exercises, lecture, textbook, light refreshments, and lunch

### RECOMMENDED ATTIRE

Long sleeved shirt, BDU style pants, field boots, and a hat

#### Register:



# MEET THE INSTRUCTOR HEATHER WALSH-HANEY, PH.D., D-ABFA



Dr. Heather Walsh-Haney is a board-certified Forensic Anthropologist and Professor at Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU). She has consulted on over 1,400 forensic anthropology cases involving discovery, recovery, laboratory analysis, and repatriation of these cases for 14 Florida Medical Examiner Districts and law enforcement as well as agencies out-of-state and internationally. As a former member of the Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team (DMORT) and active member of the Florida Emergency Mortuary Operations Response System (FEMORS), she participated in the recovery and related efforts from mass fatality responses to the 9/11 World Trade Center attacks, hurricanes Wilma and Katrina, and the Champlain tower collapse. Dr. Walsh-Haney has served as a principal and co-investigator in several research projects, authored publications, and presented at statewide, national, and international conferences. Her primary research interests include (1) the interpretation of skeletal morphology to aid in identification; (2) trauma analysis to assist the medical examiner with their determination of cause and manner of death, and (3) the estimation of time since death or deposition and protocols to best delineate or establish practical or priority search areas. As faculty at the National Forensic Academy, she teaches some of these techniques to law enforcement personnel who represent national and international agencies. By understanding the science of teaching, she transcends the classroom by bring those skills into the courtroom with respect to her expert witness testimony.