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# CHILD AND INFANT DEATH INVESTIGATIONS

By

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# ABOUT YOUR INSTRUCTOR:

Jan Johnson is retired from the State of Florida with over forty years of experience in law enforcement. After ten years with the FBI, Jan made the transition to crime scene analysis. She is recognized by the International Association of Identification (IAI) as a Certified Senior Crime Scene Analyst (CSCSA) and worked for FDLE in Pensacola, Florida for over twenty-two years. As a laboratory analyst and crime scene examiner, Jan's field of experience includes detection, collection, and preservation of physical evidence, bloodstain pattern analysis, trajectory analysis, buried body and skeletal remains recovery, clandestine laboratories, and numerous other procedures involving crime scene investigations. Due to her expertise in bloodstain pattern analysis along with crime scene reconstruction and analysis, Jan has testified in hundreds of criminal cases as an expert witness. Before retiring in 2004, she spent three years with the Escambia County Sheriff's Office as the Supervisor of the Crime Scene Latent Print Units, as well as overseer of ECSO's state-of-the-art Crime Laboratory, which she designed. Jan also served in the highly distinguished role of President of the IAI in 2004. Chairman of the Board in 2005, and considers herself honored to have been on the IAI's original Crime Scene Certification Board. Jan served as the President for the Florida Division of the IAI in 2007 as well as Chairman of the Board in 2008 and continues to serve on various committees within both the IAI and Florida Division of the IAI. Jan has taught numerous courses in the areas of both Crime Scene, Bloodstain Pattern Analysis, Shooting Reconstruction and Crime Scene Reconstruction, to name a few, here in the United States as well as abroad, including Canada, South Africa, Brazil, Bermuda, Costa Rica, and El Salvador.



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COURSE DATES: MAY 3 - 5, 2023 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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# **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Crime scene technicians, detectives and investigators from all levels of experience, child protection team members, state and defense attorneys and nurses will benefit from this training as we cover the topic of child and infant death investigations. The presentations will cover medicolegal, crime scene, and autopsy finding aspects of the subject. We will specifically discuss scene processing, evidence collection and investigative techniques as they relate to child death investigations. Child and infant death investigations require a unique approach and can be complicated for even the most seasoned investigator. The training will thoroughly cover the numerous aspects of these investigative cases and promote critical thinking and evaluation of these crime scenes and all the puzzle pieces to help delineate homicides from accidental and natural deaths, even in the most subtle of cases. Actual case scenarios will be presented with attendees solving the cases in small working groups with hands-on review of actual forensic case materials.

## **COURSE TOPICS:**

- Classification of child deaths.
- SIDS and SUIDS
- Child abuse injuries and differential diagnosis
- Initial Approach to death investigations
- Hospital presentations of abuse cases
- Accidental v homicide deaths
- Abusive head trauma
- SBS and findings
- Investigative difficulties
- General scene documentation & photography of physical evidence
- Sexual abuse cases
- Approach to interviews
- Elements of successful prosecution
- Biological evidence detection and collection,
- Report writing and bullet-proofing reports
- Courtroom testimony (time permitting)

#### WHAT TO BRING TO CLASS:

Casual attire is suitable.

A laptop computer for note-taking and a camera for mock scene documentation are recommended

but not required.

#### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course is designed to educate crime scene technicians, detectives and investigators of all levels. State Attorneys, Defense Attorneys, as well as nurses and child protection team personnel will benefit from the presented materials.

