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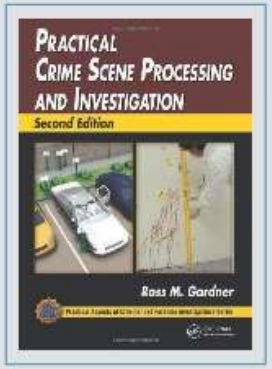
PRACTICAL CRIME SCENE PROCESSING & INVESTIGATION



HOSTED BY:

Bellingham Police Department
1/27-31/2025

Tuition: $655.00

COURSE INSTRUCTORS

Ross M. Gardner worked for the United States Army Criminal Investigation Command (USACIDC) as a felony criminal investigator for nearly twenty years. He retired as a Command Sergeant Major and Special Agent in 1999 after serving a total of 24 years in US Army law enforcement. Mr. Gardner subsequently served four years as the Chief of Police for the City of Lake City Georgia, a small suburban Atlanta police department. He is now retired and active in independent consulting. Mr. Gardner holds a Master of Arts degree in Computer and Information Systems Management from Webster University, a Bachelors degree in Criminal Justice from Wayland Baptist University and Associates degree in Police Science from Central Texas College. He graduated first in his class at the Scenes of Crime Officers Course, New Scotland Yard, Hendon England in 1985 and between 1988 and 1996 served as an adjunct professor for Central Texas College in their police science program. He is a former President of the Rocky Mountain Association of Bloodstain Pattern Analysts (RMABPA), as well as the Association for Crime Scene Reconstruction (ACSR) and has served as the Chairmen of the Education Committee for both the RMABPA and the International Association of Bloodstain Pattern Analysts (IABPA).

Tom "Grif" Griffin served 27 years with the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) as a criminal investigator and laboratory agent. While there, he provided analysis and testified as an expert witness in Colorado district courts and/or federal courts in bloodstain pattern analysis (BPA), crime scene reconstruction (CSR), shooting incident reconstruction (SIR), and crime scene investigation (CSI) and in the forensic analysis of fire debris, controlled substances, and primer residue (GSR). Prior to working at CBI, he was a criminalist and crime scene investigator at the Greeley, Colorado Police Department for four years. As a partner in BGA, he continues casework and testimony in BPA, CSR, and SIR and instructs BPA and CSR classes across the United States. Griffin is International Association for Identification (IAI) certified as a Senior Crime Scene Analyst (CSCSA), a Bloodstain Pattern Analyst (CBPA), and a Crime Scene Reconstructionist (CCSR). He served several years as a member of the IAI Bloodstain Pattern Certification Board and now serves on the IAI Crime Scene Certification Board. He is a member of the Organization of Scientific Area Committees (OSAC) Bloodstain Pattern Analysis Subcommittee and its Validation Task Group.

*Course instructors subject to change.

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

> The evaluation of physical evidence and its context in a scene in an attempt to define objective actions that occurred during an incident. Event analysis is recognized as one of the most effective techniques for modern crime scene analysis, and is taught thoroughly in these classes.

> A course of instruction designed for newly assigned investigators, crime scene technicians, and others involved in criminal and medical-legal investigations. The course is intended to develop a fundamental knowledge of crime scene processing techniques. The course will illustrate to the student the six basic activities of crime scene processing and the sequence of those activities.

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OBJECTIVES:

> Demonstrate knowledge of the six basic activities involved in crime scene processing and the general order of these activities.

> Recognize the general categories of physical evidence, what a crime laboratory can do with this evidence and accepted methods of recovery.

> Demonstrate knowledge of the critical aspects of assessing a crime scene, including scene containment, crime scene team composition considerations, choosing the most effective crime scene search technique and scene hazard identification and mitigation.

> Describe the different scene mapping methods.

> Describe the three basic photographs utilized for crime scene documentation.

> Describe and demonstrate the basic elements of crime scene narratives.

> Recognize basic bloodstain patterns.

> Discuss the function, theory and application of an alternative light source in crime scene processing.

> Recognize the affect of effective crime scene documentation on crime scene analysis.

> Describe basic methodologies of crime scene analysis.

TOPICS COVERED:

> The course concentrates on these core concepts: assessing, observing, documenting, searching and collecting, but also includes lectures on advanced techniques such as alternate light source utilization, bloodstain pattern recognition and trajectory analysis. It will introduce the student to the function and role of crime scene analysis.

STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE:

> This course includes a copy of the hardback textbook "**Practical Crime Scene Processing & Investigation**", 2nd Edition by Ross M. Gardner for each student.

STUDENTS SHOULD BRING, IF POSSIBLE:

> Old clothing suitable for painting

> Camera

> Calculator with trig. functions

Recommended hotels for each class location are listed online at www.bevelgardner.com/calendar.