



PUBLIC AGENCY TRAINING COUNCIL



Homicide and Violent Crimes Investigation

Course Information

This 2 1/2 day program will focus on the historical perspective of violent crime analysis and the importance of applying a criminal investigative assessment process to violent crime investigations. The participants will review case studies of offenders to enhance their understanding of the motivating factors of the offenders and then apply the acquired knowledge in conducting crime scene assessments. The course will culminate in case practicums in order for the participants to demonstrate their proficiency.

Course Purpose / Objectives

Criminal Investigative Assessment Process- A Historical Perspective: Participants will consider the origins of behavioral analysis of violent crime and the research efforts that served to formalize the assessment process.

Criminal Investigative Assessment - Application to Violent Crime: Participants will be provided an in-depth look at the criminal assessment process with a focus on crime scene dynamics and the application of Victimology to establish the behavioral traits of offenders. The participants will then consider how the crime scene assessment process assists law enforcement officers with the formulation of investigative strategies, interview strategies and trail strategies.

Assessing Reflective Behaviors in Crime Scene: Interactions between victims and offenders can hold a slew of clues for law enforcement investigators. By assessing those reflective crime behaviors in stages, investigators are provided a clear picture of not only “what” happened, but most importantly “why” it happened. Achieving an understanding of “why” it happened moves the investigator ever so closer as to “who” committed the crime.

Sexual Deviancy- A Laypersons Understanding of the Role it Plays in Crime Analysis: The presence of sexually related behaviors in violent crimes must be considered and properly weighed by investigators when conducting crime assessments. The participants will be provided an overview of various deviant behaviors and how it affects investigative measures, to include search warrant considerations.

Offender Dichotomies: A vital component to the crime scene assessment process is the consideration of existing dichotomies of offenders. Participants will consider the characteristics of

organized and disorganized offenders and why recognizing those reflective behaviors will assist in focusing the investigation.

The Role of Fantasy in Violent Crimes: In many cases, particularly crimes with a sexual component, the acting out by an offender towards an unsuspecting victim is influenced by an offender acting out his or her fantasies. Participants will focus on the role of fantasy in violent crime to include its presence prior to the crime, during the crime, and after the commission of the crime.

Offender Typologies: Participants will be provided an in-depth look at various offenders that exhibit recognizable patterns of behavior at crime scenes. Additionally, the participants will focus on the crime scene dynamics, homicidal patterns, and suspect profiles of the offenders as part of the crime scene assessment process.

Equivocal Death Investigations: This session focuses on the criminal investigative process and the application of Victimology to move the status of a death investigation from the unknown to the known, thereby providing case resolution. Participants will consider case illustrations and participate in case practicums.

Paralogical Reasoning System: The influence of emotion and cognition on the functioning of an offender will be considered in this session. The participants will then consider how to use an offender's rationale as a means to gain admissions or confessions to violent crimes.

Case Exercises: The course of instruction will culminate with the participants participating in case exercises encompassing the crime scene assessment process.

Instructor

Wayne Sheppard assists local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies in areas such as violent crime analysis, case consultations and investigative assistance as requested by law enforcement in the United States and abroad. Additionally, he provides training in violent crime analysis, crime scene assessments, the design of law enforcement policies and procedures, the development of regional response plans, and other efforts aimed at enhancing an agency's overall investigative response to violent crime incidents, missing, abducted and exploited children incidents.

He is an international lecturer on behavioral crime scene assessments and murder and rape typologies and has conducted research in the areas of serial homicide and child homicides.

Mr. Sheppard is a retired member of the Pennsylvania State Police where he held a number of investigative and supervisory positions. Prior to his retirement, he was the supervisor of the Criminal Investigation Assessment Unit, where he was responsible for the investigation and coordination of psychosexual homicide, serial rape, and other behaviorally based crimes occurring in Pennsylvania, also, the supervisor of the Missing Persons Unit where he provided investigative assistance for law enforcement in missing and sexually exploited children cases, and the Amber Alert Coordinator where he created and implemented the Pennsylvania Amber Alert Program for Pennsylvania.

He has also addressed professionals representing the disciplines of law enforcement, corrections, social work, probation and parole, medicine, law, television, radio and academia on a national and international basis.

He is the recipient of numerous awards both nationally and internationally for his support and expertise in violent crime and child exploitation investigations.

Mr. Sheppard is a member of the Vidocq Society, a group comprised of experts from various disciplines across the country that provide pro bono services in the investigation and analysis of unsolved violent crimes occurring in the United States.

He is the past Vice-President of the Pennsylvania Homicide Investigators Association, Virginia Homicide Investigators Association, and past board member of the Attorney General's Legal/Medical Advisory Board on Elder Abuse.

Dates:

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