

Basic Criminal Investigations for Street Patrol & New Criminal Investigators

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Tim Randall served with the Nampa Idaho Police Department for 31 years. Tim was a School Resource Officer for 5 years and supervised the unit for another 5 years. He was assigned as a criminal investigator for 21 of those 31 years. As a lead investigator and supervisor, he conducted and assisted in hundreds of investigations. These include homicides, suicides, child abuse, rape, robbery and internal investigations. Tim has served in many positions to include, patrol, patrol supervisor, criminal investigations, CID supervisor, SWAT, school resource officer, internal affairs and polygraph examiner. Tim has been an Idaho POST certified instructor for over 25 years in interview & interrogation, SWAT, chemical munitions, child abuse, elder abuse and juvenile procedures.

Course Objectives:

This course is designed for new investigators and patrol officers. The course provides a foundation of information and knowledge on the basic tools and skills necessary for a criminal investigation.

- **Rules of Evidence**—Making mistakes is the number one reason cases are lost. When you go to trial, the defendant is never the one on trial. What is on trial is you and your case?
- **Search and Seizure**—Expectation of privacy, 7 exceptions to a search warrant, motor vehicle searches, Terry searches, home searches.
- **Search Warrants**—How to write a search warrant, elements of a search warrant, probable cause affidavit, reasonable particularity requirement, curtilage, good faith, return of service and search warrant examples.
- **Crime Scene Management**—Your crime scene can be one of the most important elements of your case. This section will cover how to manage a crime scene to make sure everything gets done, everything gets done correctly and everything is documented.
- **Analyzing Evidence**—At a crime scene how do you know what is evidence, what do you collect and what do you process. This section will better understand what evidence is and how it can benefit your case.
- **Follow-up Investigation**—Interviews, records checks, crime reconstruction, crime timeline, case check list, case notes, digital evidence, proving the element of a crime, social media investigations.
- **Case Management**—Planning for a successful prosecution should be a consideration from the time the case is assigned. Case screening, police/prosecutor relations, case audits, briefings and investigative plan.

- **Eyewitness Identification**—Simultaneous lineup, sequential lineup, live lineup, photo lineup composition, photo lineup admonishment, double blind showing and one on one lineups.
- **Case Overview**—Arson, Burglary, Child Abuse, Homicide, Theft, Assault, Battery, and Rape.
- **Interview and Interrogation**—In criminal investigations witnesses solve crimes. You will learn how to get people to talk to you, how to get more information and how to get better information.

Interview setting, profile of a successful interview, interviewing techniques, collecting information, the “don’ts” of interviewing, documenting interviews, telephone interviews, confrontation calls, the cognitive interview process, memory retrieval techniques, distinguishing truthful and deceptive responses, 7 steps to a confession and false confessions.

Day 1

8:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m.	Registration
8:30a.m.-12:00 p.m. (With Breaks)	Introduction and Overview of Class Crime Scene Investigation & Reconstruction Analyzing Evidence Crime Scene Photos
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.	Lunch (on your own)
1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. (With Breaks)	Search & Seizure Search Warrants Analyzing Evidence Eyewitness Identification

Day 2

8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (With Breaks)	Follow-up Investigation Records Checks Crime Timeline Case Check List Digital Evidence Proving the Element of A Crime Social Media Investigations
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.	Lunch (on your own)
1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. (With Breaks)	Case Preparation Planning For A Successful Prosecution Case Overview Arson Burglary Child Abuse Homicide Theft Assault Battery Rape

Day 3

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Interview & Interrogation
(With Breaks)

12:00 p.m. Certificate Presentation

