

Basic Crime Scene Photography for First Responders

Thursday, August 28, 2012 • 2-11pm

Class Description: Digital Photography has become an extremely important part of criminal investigations. Under or over exposed images are useless in bringing an investigation to a successful resolution. This course will focus on the theories and practices in the “Basic Principles” of Digital Photography as it relates to Law Enforcement, Medicolegal Death Investigators, and Fire Investigators. Following the National Academy of Sciences report, increased attention into fundamental forensics has been made by Defense Attorneys. Upon the completion of this course, the participant will have an understanding of the Digital File Management Procedures, the proper methods of documenting a crime scene, the accepted procedures for the 1st Responder Photography, review the different camera settings, and understand image documentation in “low light” environments typically encountered. Participants will have several short practical exercises and a Crime Scene Photography Exercise. A written test will conclude the course to evaluate what they have learned. Participants should expect some graphic images in the course presentation.

Requirements: Please bring a flashlight and digital camera. Dress is casual and should be weather appropriate. Class includes outside exercises.

Hours: 8 total hours; 4 lecture & 4 lab with a one hour dinner break. Meals are not provided.

Location: This program will be held at the Northeast Forensic Training Center located at the Fowler Family Southside Center in Bethlehem.

Credentials: This course has been approved for eight (8) hours of continuing education by the Pennsylvania Coroners’ Education Board under the provisions of Act 22 of 1988. We urge those who wish to have courses approved for credit by the Coroners’ Education Board to please allow a minimum of three months for processing.

Fee: Response organizations in Northampton County who are enrolled in the 2012 Emergency Services Affiliate Subscription Program are eligible to participate in the course at no cost. This service is made possible through a grant from Northampton County Emergency Management Services. The fee for all other agencies is \$75.00.

How to Enroll: Please visit www.northampton.edu/lifelearn. Please have affiliate login or credit card handy when registering.

Questions: Please contact the Northeast Forensic Training Center at nftc@northampton.edu or by calling 610-332-6596. To learn more about the Northeast Forensic Training Center, please visit www.northampton.edu/NFTC.



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