

Homicide and Death Investigation

Course Objectives

This five-day program equips investigators with the knowledge, skills, and strategies necessary to conduct thorough homicide and death investigations with prosecutorial merit. Participants will also gain the ability to properly recognize and investigate other forms of death, ensuring cases are resolved successfully.

The course begins with an interactive case review, where students analyze evidence, discuss observations, and determine whether the case should be classified as an accidental death, suicide, or homicide.

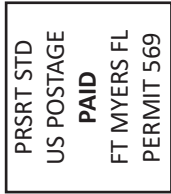
Attendees will follow a structured, step-by-step process for investigating high-profile and complex cases, including multiple homicides, violent crimes against vulnerable populations, unexplained missing children and abductions, and sexual assaults. Each section incorporates real-world case studies to emphasize investigative strategies and highlight lessons learned.

In addition, participants will explore cutting-edge investigative tools and methods, such as forensic genealogy, DNA phenotyping, data analytics, cell phone forensics, and the evolving role of social media. Special focus will also be given to the unique challenges of sexually motivated child abductions, unidentified human remains, “no body” prosecutions, and managing investigator wellness and stress.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- Apply the three basic steps of homicide investigations: **crime scene response, follow-up, and courtroom preparation**
- Investigate a wide range of death classifications, including:
 - Suicides
 - Equivocal deaths
 - Autoerotic deaths
 - Non-vehicular deaths
 - Unattended natural deaths
- Manage major case investigations through a **10-step structured process**
- Utilize advanced technologies and techniques, including:
 - Forensic genealogy and DNA advancements
 - Data management and analytics
 - Cell phone analytics
 - Social media exploitation in investigations
- Address the complexities of:
 - Sexually motivated child abductions and homicides
 - Cases involving unidentified human remains
 - “No-body” homicide prosecutions
 - Special search considerations and victim-centered issues
- Strengthen skills in case documentation, report writing, and effective court presentation
- Recognize and address the impact of stress and wellness challenges on investigators



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Instructors

Robert G. Lowery, Jr. <i>Major (Retired)</i> <i>Florissant Police Department, MO</i>	Michael Murphy, F-ABMDI <i>Coroner (Retired)</i> <i>Clark County, NV</i>
Joseph Rauch <i>Detective</i> <i>Atlantic City Police Department</i> <i>Atlantic City, New Jersey</i>	Glenn Bard, CISSP, EnCE, CHFI, A+, Network+, Security+, AME <i>Pennsylvania State Trooper (Retired)</i>
Stacey L. Chepren, MFS, MSc <i>Programs Manager for the</i> <i>International Association of</i> <i>Coroners & Medical Examiners</i>	Clay Peeler, C.S.C.S.A. <i>(Retired)</i> <i>St. Louis County</i> <i>Police Department</i>

Dr. Timothy Gocha,
Forensics Anthropologist
Oklahoma Office of the Chief Medical Examiner

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Seminar Agenda

Monday, September 14, 2026

8:00 – 8:30 am	Registration
8:30 am – 12:00 pm	Joseph Rauch Importance of the First Responder - Who is the Fist Responder? - Understanding and Changing the Mindset of the First Responder - Communication and Team Building between the Investigator and the First Responder - Establishing and Maintaining the Integrity of the Crime Scene - Supervision of First Responders, Crime Scene and Media Relations - Knowing the Abilities and Limitations of the First Responder - Issues and Challenges of the First Responder - Preparing the First Responder for Court The Homicide Investigator - Who is the Homicide Investigator? - Ethics and Responsibilities of the Homicide Investigator - Case Management - Keeping your Focus and Learning to Juggle
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch (On Your Own)
1:00 – 4:30 pm	Joseph Rauch Crime Scene Analysis, Investigative Techniques and Resources - Learning to Read the Crime Scene - Identification and Individualization of Physical Evidence - Practical Analysis of Crime Scene Analysis to the Investigative Process - Investigative Tools and Techniques - Applications and Use of Advancements in Technology and Digital Forensics - Leveraging Private Sector Cooperation
Tuesday, September 15, 2026	
8:00 am – 12:00 pm	Joseph Rauch Documentation and Report Writing - Reaffirming the Basics of Report Writing - Documenting the Case from the Initial Call to the Verdict - Documentation as a Positive/Negative Reflection of the Investigation - Errors and Pitfalls of Report Writing
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch (On Your Own)

1:00 – 4:30 pm	Robert Lowery - DNA - Genealogy - Databases - Managing Major Case Homicides
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Wednesday, September 16, 2026

8:00 am – 12:00 pm	Timothy Gocha Introduction To All Things Forensic Anthropology - Recovery - Decomposition - Information Bodies Can Provide The Homicide Investigator - Case Examples from across the US including Las Vegas and Texas
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch (On Your Own)
1:00 – 4:30 pm	Clay Peeler Complex Death & Homicide Investigations

Thursday, September 17, 2026

8:00 am – 12:00 pm	Glenn Bard Electronic & Digital Evidence Used for Homicide Investigations and Prosecution
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch (On Your Own)
1:30 – 4:30 pm	Michael Murphy and Stacey Chepren - Role of the Medical Examiner/Coroner - Injuries, Terminology, Cause and Manner of Death

Friday, September 18, 2026

8:00 am – 12:00 pm	Michael Murphy and Stacey Chepren - Courtroom Testimony - Death Notification - Resilience/Wellness
12:00 pm	Certificate Presentation

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Seminar Title:	Homicide and Death Investigation
Seminar ID:	#17114
Dates:	September 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, 2026
Registration Time:	September 14, 2026, 8am
Instructors:	Robert Lowery, Jr., Michael Murphy, Joseph Rauch, Glenn Bard, Stacey Chepren, Clay Peeler and Timothy Gocha
Seminar Location:	Drury Plaza Hotel St. Charles 380 Mulholland Drive St. Charles, Missouri 63303
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