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MANDATES: 1 Hr. Constitutional Use of LE Authority, 1 Hr. Procedural Justice, and 4 Hrs. Lead Homicide Investigator

P R E S E N T S

4 HOUR FIRST OFFICER RESPONSE TO DEATH INVESTIGATIONS

Friday, April 2, 2027– 8 AM/12 PM

LOCATION: Wood River Police Department
550 East Madison Ave., Wood River, IL. 62095

WHO: Nicholas Novacich, Madison County Coroner

TO REGISTER: Visit our website www.silec.org. **Limit 35!**

Course Goal:
Provide first responding officers with the knowledge and skills necessary to properly assess, secure, and manage death scenes while preserving evidence, ensuring scene integrity, and supporting successful investigations and prosecutions.

Performance Objectives:

1. Explain why the first 5 to 10 minutes of a death investigation are critical to scene integrity and case outcome.
2. Identify the first officer's core responsibilities: protect life, establish control, secure the scene, document observations, and notify appropriate personnel.

3. Demonstrate the ability to recognize scene indicators that suggest natural, accidental, suicidal, homicidal, decomposed, skeletal, submerged, burned, or otherwise unusual death scenes.

4. Apply proper scene-control procedures, including perimeter establishment, scene entry logging, witness separation, and contamination prevention.

5. Describe the distinction between police responsibilities and the coroner or medical examiner's authority regarding cause and manner of death.

6. Produce a defensible initial response plan that supports forensic processing, search warrant needs, and courtroom admissibility.

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