

Missing Persons and Identifying the Unidentified Deceased Training Outline

Course Length: Three and one half Days

Course Times: 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Course Description: The course provides participants with an understanding of the issues involved in the reporting and investigation of missing person incidents as well as the challenges encountered by law enforcement, medical examiners and coroners involved in the identification of the unidentified deceased. Presenters will provide the participants with proven protocols, best practices and standards used in the identification of missing and unidentified person cases. The course will also discuss the different federally mandated laws, and investigative responsibilities encountered when investigating missing or abducted incidents of children under 21 years of age. Resources, technology, investigative techniques and strategies that can assist law enforcement investigators in the recovery of missing persons and the identification of the unidentified deceased will be discussed during the two days of training.

Course Objectives: Participants will have a clearer understanding of the missing person and unidentified dead problem and be better prepared to conduct investigations that will result in successful conclusions.

Target Participants: The course is designed for Law Enforcement Officers, law enforcement managers/supervisors of investigations, medical examiners, and coroners.

Course Content:

Day 1

8:00 am – 8:15 am

**Administrative Announcements
Instructor Introductions**

8:15 am – 10:00 am

**Overview Missing Persons
Instructor: Bill Hagmaier**

- Current problems and issues
- Statistics (NCIC)
- Victim Parent presentation (Patty Wetterling or Coleen Nick)

**10:00am – 10:10 am
Break**

10:10am – 12:00 noon

**Pre- Incident Planning
Instructor: Bob Lowery**

- **Developing Policy & Procedure**
- Missing Person Reporting
- Contents of Missing Person Report Form
- Missing Person Risk Assessment

Lunch on your own

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

- Initial Response - **Instructor: Bob Lowery**
- First Responder Responsibilities – **Instructor: Ben Ermini**

3:00 pm – 3:10 pm
Break

3:10 pm – 4:30 pm
Instructor: JD ?

- Establishing Command Responsibilities
- Search & Rescue operations
- Handling volunteers

Day 2

8:30 am – 10:00 am
Instructor: Bill Hagmaier
Investigative Guidelines of High Risk Missing Persons

Investigative Recommendations

10:00 am – 10:10 am
Break

10:10 am – 12:00 Noon
Instructor: Ben Ermini

Missing Children - Legislative issues

- **Chronology of Federal Legislation related to Missing/Abducted Children**
- **Federal Mandates – National Child Search Assistance Act of 1990**
- **Policy & Procedure Issues**
- **First Responder actions**
- **Investigative Check list**
- **Amber Alert**

- **NCMEC Resources**
- **State Clearinghouse speaker**
- **Other Resources**

12 Noon – 1:00 pm
Lunch on your own

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Unidentified Deceased

Instructor: Bill Hagmaier

- Overview of Issues
- Statistics
- Problems with current system
- Database Resources

2:30 pm – 2:40 pm

Break

2:40 pm – 4:30 pm

Instructors: Bob Lowery

Mike Murphy

- Human Remains
- Initial Response
- Scene Investigation
- Investigative Solutions

Day 3

8:30 am – 12:00 noon

Unidentified Deceased

Instructor: Dr. Rick Snow

- Scene Examination and Documentation
- Postmortem Examination of Unidentified Human Remains
- Investigative Recommendations

12:00 noon – 1:00 pm

Lunch on your own

1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Serial Killers – Why they kill

Instructor: Bill Hagmaier

Day 4

8:00 am – 12 noon

Serial Killers – Why they kill (Cont'd)

Instructor: Bill Hagmaier