The solution to crime focuses increasingly upon the discovery of various forms of physical evidence at crime scenes and subsequent scientific laboratory analysis. There is a need to improve knowledge of law enforcement personnel in regard to physical evidence. These personnel should be skilled in the recognition of physical evidence and be capable of preserving it for laboratory processing. This course will present an understanding of the fundamental theories of physical evidence, how it practically applies; and the legal consideration involved in its collection, preservation and presentation in court. This course is for both crime scene investigators and front-line law enforcement officers.

**TOPICAL AREAS INCLUDE:**
- Introduction of Physical Evidence
- Legal Aspects of Physical Evidence
- Theory and Technique of Crime Scene Search
- Photography - Daylight, Darkness, Inclement Weather
- Casting and Reproduction - Impressions, Tool Marks, and Prints
- Fingerprints - Recovery, Classification and Preservation
- Blood and other Physiological Fluids
- Physical Evidence in Death Investigations
- Hair, Fibers, Soils and Other Trace Evidence
- Firearms Distance Determination
- Gunshot Residue Collection
- Cellphone and Digital Evidence

The course will culminate with a practical exercise whereby the class will utilize a team approach at a realistic crime scene. Team members will present all their findings the following day and will have their work critiqued. This is a true judge of how well the participants have learned the skills and techniques given in the course.

Class hours are 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
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