

Virginia Department of Forensic Science
Basic Crime Scene Photography
August 18 – 21, 2026

Tuesday, August 18th:

- 8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Welcome
- 8:45 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Orientation and Equipment Checkout
- 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **Basic Photography Principles**
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Lunch
- 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Camera Familiarization**
- 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Exercise (1) – Exposure, Depth of Field, Focus, Angle of View, Shutter Speed (Optional Polarizer Filters)
- 4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Download Images

Wednesday, August 19th:

- 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Critique Images
- 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **Crime Scene Photography**
- 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Exercise (2) – Crime Scene Photography Available Light
- 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Download/Critique Images
- 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Exercise (2) – Crime Scene Photography Available Light (correct errors)
- 4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Download Images

Thursday, August 20th:

- 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Critique Images
- 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **Flash Theory and Familiarization**
- 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Exercise (3) – Flash Familiarization
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Download/Critique Images
- 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Exercise (4) – Interior Crime Scene Photography
- 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Download/Critique Images

Friday, August 21st:

- 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Exercise (5) - Crime Scene Photography Documentation
A complete photographic exercise both interior/exterior
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Download/Critique Images
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Footwear and Tire Impression Photography**
- 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Exercise (6) – Footwear Impression Photography
- 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Download and Convert to .TIFF/Critique Images
- 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Equipment Check-in