Virginia Department of Forensic Science
Basic Crime Scene Investigation
April 8 – 12, 2024
Richmond, VA

The purpose of this course is to introduce law enforcement personnel to the basic principles and skills associated with crime scene processing. It is designed for patrol officers and detectives whose assignment sometimes requires them to document and collect physical evidence at crime scenes as well as properly package the evidence to preserve it for laboratory submission. Supervisors of crime scene units may find this course useful as well. Instruction on topics such as crime scene photography and sketching, latent print recovery and collection of biological evidence will be given through classroom lectures and hands-on exercises. Students should bring the cameras they utilize in the performance of their assignments, whether they are complete SLR camera kits or simple point and shoots, to use during the class exercises. Also, if a laptop is available to you, please bring one for reviewing your photographs.

This course will be limited to 12 students and is restricted to personnel from Virginia law enforcement agencies.

The course will be taught by the Training Section with assistance from the Latent Print and Forensic Biology Sections at the Virginia Department of Forensic Science located at 737 N. 5th Street in Richmond, VA from 8:30 A.M. to 5 P.M.