

Virginia Department of Forensic Science
Basic Crime Scene Photography
March 23 – 26, 2026
Mechanicsville, VA

***** Applications are now being accepted! *****

This course is designed to introduce crime scene investigators to photographic theory and the basics of crime scene photography used during a systematic approach to a crime scene investigation. The course will teach these principles using Digital Single Lens Reflex (SLR) camera equipment. The Department of Forensic Science will supply ALL necessary equipment to complete the course, however, attendees may choose to bring their own or agency issued equipment provided it is a Digital SLR and includes all applicable equipment (flash unit, close-up rings, etc). If you choose to bring outside equipment, please bring the corresponding manuals as well and be familiar with its basic operation. *****If a laptop is available to you, please make every effort to bring it to the class to review your work product.*****

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

There is no fee to attend this course.

The password to apply for this course is: 4107cc

The course will be taught by the Training Section at the Virginia Department of Forensic Science's **NEW** Central Laboratory located at 8850 Times Dispatch Blvd, Mechanicsville, VA beginning at 8:30 A.M. each day.

As a training contact, please distribute this email throughout your department and surrounding law enforcement agencies so that any interested Virginia law enforcement personnel may be able to submit an application.

Applications may be submitted at www.dfs.virginia.gov . The course listing is located under "Forensic Training". The event password is highlighted above.

The registration will close on March 1st, 2026 at 5:00PM unless the course receives an overwhelming number of applications, which will prompt closing the course sooner.

** It is very important that you include your duties and responsibilities when prompted during the application process; that information is needed to be considered for this course. Remember, you must have a valid email address to complete your application and follow the instructions to create a profile (one email address per profile, no duplications). In the field for “middle initial”, input a hyphen (-) if you do not have one since it is a required field. The email address utilized will receive a confirmation message once the application is submitted and a following email stating acceptance or denial to the course once the application has been reviewed. If you have already created a profile, you need only to log-in after entering the event password above. *** If you do not receive a confirmation email, check your SPAM folder. If it does end up there, then most likely the email indicating your acceptance will be sent to SPAM as well. ***

For additional information, view “Course Resources”, as additional information may be posted. If you have any questions or concerns with submitting, please feel free to contact me.

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