Virginia Department of Forensic Science Basic Crime Scene Photography May 19 – 22, 2025

Monday, May 19th:

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

Tuesday, May 20th:

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

Wednesday, May 21st:

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

Thursday, May 22nd:

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