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# DEATH INVESTIGATIONS



## Instructors:

Gary Graff, CBPA,  
&  
Iris Dalley Graff

**November 4 - 8, 2024**

**Tuition: \$719 | Hours: 8 am - 5 pm**

## Location:

College Station Police Department  
800 Krenek Tap Rd | College Station, TX 77840

## Lodging information:

Wyndham Garden College Station  
2829 Texas Avenue | College Station, TX 77845  
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This course has been approved for 40 hours of certification/re-certification training credit by the IAI Crime Scene Certification Board. Please visit the IAI Certifications page at [tritechtraining.com](http://tritechtraining.com) for additional information.



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## ABOUT TRITECH

A leader in the forensics market, Tri-Tech Forensics provides evidence collection and crime scene investigation products and training to crime labs and crime scene investigators throughout the world. With over 30 years of experience, we are the nation's most proficient developer and manufacturer of forensic kits. We are committed to providing our customers with state-of-the-art forensics products and services at affordable prices. It is our goal, through our research and development program, to continue to develop superior products and training to aid in all aspects of crime scene investigation and crime lab analysis. We know how important our products and training are to the forensics community, from investigation to prosecution. Our mission is the same as our customers – *Identify. Protect. Preserve.*

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

# Death Investigation

Death investigation requires a team effort consisting of detectives, crime scene technicians, and forensic personnel. Positive outcomes are best realized when these components work together to collect, evaluate, reconstruct, and derive meaning from the available evidence.

The challenging 5-day (40 hour) Death Investigations course was designed for detectives, crime scene technicians, medico-legal death investigators, and others involved in the investigation of deaths. Through both lecture and practical exercises, investigators may expand their skill sets by learning and practicing methodologies for objective investigation and analysis of death scenes. Key concepts are reinforced through practical exercises. This is not a “checklist” course. Attendees will use critical thinking skills to analyze and investigate “hands on” historically based homicide investigations.

### Classroom instruction and practical exercises include:

- Procedures for managing crime scenes and addressing constitutional issues
- Case management techniques to assess, organize, plan, and delegate investigation
- Methods for identifying and evaluating physical and biological evidence, wounds, bloodstains, ballistics, witnesses, and other evidence
- Evidence associated with child deaths, self-inflicted death, domestic violence, and accidental deaths
- Capabilities and limitations of forensic analysis
- Identifying basic bloodstain pattern characteristics in a crime scene
- Identifying and evaluating evidentiary relationships to reconstruct events
- Evaluating subjective and objective evidence through application of critical thinking
- Flowcharts and timelines as investigative and analytical tools
- Interview techniques to increase subject cooperation
- Behavioral characteristics of violent crime offenders
- Presenting investigations for prosecutorial evaluation

### Course Requirements:

The Death Investigations course is designed for personnel currently working or moving into death scene investigations. Course materials are provided in electronic format. Attendees should bring an electronic device with USB connection, basic office suite software, and preferably a laptop computer to access/save handouts, case materials, and fillable forms used in both lecture and practical exercises.



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## COURSE INSTRUCTORS

# Gary Graff, CBPA and Iris Dalley Graff

## GARY GRAFF, CBPA



Gary W. Graff, retired FBI Special Agent, investigated violent crimes, sex crimes, fraud and property crimes. He specialized in complex cases, many of which were coordinated with state and local law enforcement. He has substantial trial and testimonial experience and extensive training and experience in crime scene processing, sketching and reconstruction, shooting incident reconstruction, and blood stain pattern analysis. He was a certified police instructor, SWAT member and instructor, firearms instructor, and member of the FBI's Evidence Response Team. Mr. Graff has a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He provides instruction in general investigative methods, crime scene and shooting incident reconstruction and bloodstain pattern analysis.

## IRIS DALLEY



Iris Dalley Graff served as a Special Agent for the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI), retiring in 2009. During her career, she conducted laboratory analysis, crime scene investigation, and worked with various police agencies in processing and investigating hundreds of violent crime cases. Iris has a B.S. in Biology and Masters in Secondary Sciences. Iris is a Fellow and Distinguished Member of the Association for Crime Scene Reconstruction and former president of the International Association of Bloodstain Pattern Analysts. Iris has decades of experience in providing case consultation, expert testimony, forensic analysis and instruction in bloodstain pattern analysis, crime scene reconstruction, and shooting incident reconstruction, in the United States and other countries.

## TESTIMONIALS

“Thank you very much for all your effort in putting together such an extensive class material. The class was a wealth of important, interesting information. I appreciated every second of your presence because it could easily be noticed your dedication, your passion and the love of sharing.” **Camelia Mauro, Crime Scene Technician, Florida**

“I want to thank you and Iris for one of the most challenging and informative classes I've ever attended. I have a feeling of accomplishment having successfully completed this course. Your dedication to Law Enforcement and teaching the best class I've ever attended shows! Thank you again!” **Aldo Legge, Detective Sergeant, Pennsylvania**

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