



## What's New at NCJTC?

### New Video 3 Things to Consider When Investigating Crime Scenes

Do you know how to prevent your case from going unsolved? Do you provide quality control on your collected evidence? Bill Hanson shares three critical things to consider when investigating crime scenes.

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## NCJTC in the News



### New Award! Emmett Till Cold Case Investigations and Training and Technical Assistance Program

In collaboration with BJA and other entities, the National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College (NCJTC) will provide training and technical assistance (TTA) in fidelity to the purpose of the Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Act of 2007, which aims to provide the families of victims murdered for racially motivated reasons with long awaited justice. The goal of this project is to support activities of state, local and tribal law enforcement and prosecutors to identify, investigate, and prosecute cold case murders associated with civil rights violations, as well as build capacity for supporting family members and community stakeholders impacted by such crimes. Training will emphasize a victim-centered approach to reopening cold cases.

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Since the COVID-19 pandemic began in 2020, there has been a sharp increase in the number of reported homicides throughout the nation.

"The number of killings in the U.S. soared in 2020, jumping nearly 30% since 2019 for the largest single-year increase on record, according to the FBI. The bureau's Uniform Crime Report, published in September 2021, said more than 21,500 homicides were recorded in 2020. Still, the homicide rate, at 6.5 per 100,000 people, is about 40% lower than when it peaked in the early 1990s." (US News and World Report, Sept 27, 2021)

According to the NY Times, "There is no simple explanation for the steep rise. A number of key factors are driving the violence, including the economic and social toll taken by the pandemic and a sharp increase in gun purchases. About 77 percent of reported homicides in 2020 were committed with a firearm, the highest share ever reported, up from 67 percent a decade ago." (Sept 28, 2021)



NCJTC remains committed to helping law enforcement, investigators, and prosecutors build the necessary skills for successful investigation and prosecution. This month, we feature our death investigation training portfolio.

## A Closer Look at Death Investigation Training at NCJTC

From crime scene and evidence gathering to suspect handling and prosecution, successful death investigations all incorporate an investigation system that includes law enforcement, medical examiners, coroners, and other experts. Death investigations require a comprehensive multi-faceted approach to meet the goals of the investigation. At NCJTC, we understand those needs and offer a variety of training opportunities to build the skills of those who work these investigations.

## Featured Training



### NCJTC Death Investigation Academy

The NCJTC Death Investigation Academy is a comprehensive 5-day training, accredited by the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators (ABMDI), that focuses on the many facets of a death investigation. During the academy, participants learn how

to evaluate the crime scene, conduct effective interviews and interrogations, develop case leads, utilize investigative resources (crime laboratories, medical examiners), and comprehend medical autopsies. Academy training topics include death scene evidence techniques and considerations, evidence preservation and trends in forensics, interview and interrogation, crime scene analysis, and major case management.

Our subject matter experts bring a wealth of investigative knowledge from the field to each academy. Participants will come away with new strategies for conducting and coordinating death investigations. [LEARN MORE](#)



Dr. P. Michael Murphy  
Police Chief/Coroner of Clark County, Nevada (retired)



James Holmes  
Special Agent (Senior), Wisconsin Division of Criminal Investigation



James Hensley  
Lieutenant of Support Services, Marquette University Police Department



Courtney Laverdiere  
Detective - Osceola County Sheriff's Office, Florida

### Upcoming Death Investigation Training Dates

[Serial and Pattern Crime Investigations](#)  
March 17 | 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm CDT | \$39

[Investigating and Prosecuting No Body Homicides](#)  
April 18 - 21 | \$395

[NCJTC Death Investigation Academy](#)  
May 9 - 13 | \$595

### Other Death Investigation Offerings

[Child Homicide Investigations](#)

[Investigation and Prosecution of Cold Case Homicides](#)

[Enhancing Investigations through Genetic Genealogy](#)

[Fire and Explosion Related Death Investigations](#)

[Suspicious Death Investigations: Finding the Right, Eliminating the Wrong, and Avoiding the Undetermined](#)

For all training dates, visit [ncjtc.org/training](https://ncjtc.org/training)

To receive emails about upcoming death investigation training, Sign up [HERE](#)



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"The passion of the presenters was infectious. This is a hard job and exhausting. The energy they bring is reinvigorating for exhausted detectives."

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