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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.

Critical 3 Videos to Support Death Investigations

<u>3 Ways to Take Suspicion Out of</u> Your Death Cases

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NCJTC Announcements



National Criminal Justice Training Center (NCJTC) of Fox Valley Technical College congratulates Margaret Press, Founder and CEO of the DNA Doe Project for her outstanding contributions and as the recipient of the 2023 National Missing and Unidentified Persons Conference (MUPC) Service Award.

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Moving forward together

Nominate an outstanding Law Enforcement Administrative Professional by March 31!

All nominees will be recognized during the Law Enforcement Administrative Professionals Conference being held June 21-23, 2023 in Eau Claire, WI.





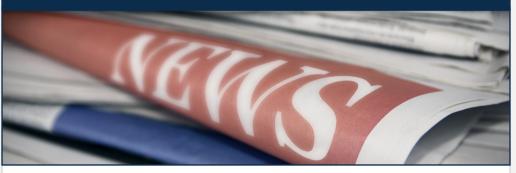
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Safer Internet Day

Hear from NCJTC Program Manager, Joe Laramie, about the dangers of online sextortion among teens in recognition of Safer Internet Day on February 7.

VIEW VIDEO

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Allegheny County CART Earns Federal Certification

The Allegheny County Child Abduc-

The Use of Polygraph Examinations During Criminal Investigations





tion Response Team (CART) was certified by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delin-

quency Prevention (OJJDP) at a formal presentation in December. "Since 1932, the Allegheny County Police Department has provided investigative services and other assistance to local, state and federal agencies," said Fitzgerald. "The department's leadership in convening a child abduction response team, and pursuing its certification, is another tool to assist those in our community who are in need. I'm extremely proud of the work that they've done to get to this point and congratulate everyone involved with this effort."

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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.

Upcoming Death Investigation Training Dates

NEW Fire and Explosion Related Death Investigations May 15 - 16 | Appleton, WI

HOT TOPIC Enhancing Investigations through Genetic Genealogy May 25 - 26 | Dallas, TX October 19 - 20 | Bridgeport, CT

Child Homicide Investigations

March 27 - 28 | Denton, TX May 22 - 23 | Little Rock, AR September 18 - 19 | Westminster, MD November 6 - 7 | Marana, AZ

Investigation and Prosecution of Cold Case Homicides

March 29 - 30 | Denton, TX May 24 - 25 | Little Rock, AR September 20 - 21 | Westminster, MD November 8 - 9 | Marana, AZ

Responding to an Unexplained Child Death May 17 | Live Online Conducting Unexplained Child Death Investigations May 22 - 25 | Tucson, AZ

Investigating and Prosecuting No Body Homicides September 11 - 12 | Little Rock, AR December 4 - 7 | Live Online

NCJTC Death Investigation Academy October 16 - 20 | Chatham, VA

Suspicious Death Investigations: Finding the Right, Eliminating the Wrong, and Avoiding the Undetermined October 30 - 31 | Lebanon, OH

For all training dates, visit ncjtc.org/training

To receive emails about upcoming death investigation training, **Sign up HERE**



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