

# RON SMITH AND ASSOCIATES, INC.

## INTRODUCTION TO THE SCIENCE OF FRICTION RIDGE EXAMINATION

Sarasota, FL | February 25 - March 1, 2019



**Class Instructor:**  
**Mike Campbell**

**5 Day Course**

**40 Training Hours**

**\$600.00 Tuition**

This course is approved  
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### CLASS LOCATION

Sarasota Police Department  
2099 Adams Lane  
Sarasota, FL 34237

Class Times: 08:00 a.m. to 05:00 p.m.

### LODGING INFORMATION

Although we cannot endorse any particular hotel property, we have confirmed that the following lodging is within a reasonable commuting distance to the training site.

A block of rooms have been provided by the hotel.  
Room must be reserved by January 24 to receive reduced price.

**Aloft Sarasota**  
1401 Ringling Blvd.  
Sarasota, FL 34236  
941-870-0900

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The hotel will provide transportation to/from class within a 3 mile radius.

### TARGET AUDIENCE

This course has been designed with many different groups in mind and is suited for law enforcement personnel and students who are new to forensics as well as law enforcement personnel and students who are already familiar with forensic identification matters including experienced 10 Print and Latent Print examiners who are already conducting examinations or are being trained to do so. Because of the scope of material covered, this course is beneficial for all but the seasoned examiners and it can serve as an excellent introduction into the science for those of other disciplines, particularly crime scene personnel. Law enforcement personnel will be able to return to work and immediately use this training to continue their development as examiners. Students would be able to apply for jobs that require such training as a requirement. Other professionals involved in both the academic and judicial systems would also benefit as they would receive a broad overview of the science without having to put it to practical use.

### SPECIAL NOTES FOR STUDENTS

Each student must bring a fingerprint magnifier, ridge counters are encouraged but optional and a notebook  
Dress is business casual as the course will be conducted in a professional environment and facility.

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### COURSE DESCRIPTION

The knowledge of how to evaluate, compare and identify friction skin is accomplished through many hours of training and experience that involves independent study and one on one mentoring by an expert. This course is designed to start that process through a series of lectures, practical exercises and drills that are specifically designed to increase the student's knowledge and foster confidence in the usefulness of the science and their ability to use it. Many different facets of friction skin examination will be explored and the challenges associated with the science will be discussed in detail. Each participant will understand the principles underlying the science and as a result, they should have a practical, functional knowledge of how to examine friction skin upon completion of the course. The course starts by teaching the "language" of friction skin examination and pattern recognition. Then the student will learn how to use all three "levels of detail" and apply ACE-V methodology as the basis for the examination process.

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### SHOULD BE ABLE TO PERFORM

At the completion of the course the student will be able to perform the following:

- \* Understand and be able to use current terminology for the fingerprint science (the language of the science)
- \* Fully classify fingerprint cards using the NCIC and IAFIS codes and understand the Henry classification system as it is used today
- \* Accurately determine the proper pattern type of a fingerprint, especially for use with an AFIS
- \* Begin to properly determine the "Value" or suitability of a fingerprint for comparison
- \* Understand all three levels of detail and begin to accurately compare friction skin using them
- \* Properly use ACE - V. methodology to make decisions during the examination process with real friction skin of various types, tips, joints, etc....
- \* Understand the significance of recording "good" fingerprints at the time of booking or capture

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### DAILY SCHEDULE

|        | Day 1   | Day 2   | Day 3  | Day 4   | Day 5   |
|--------|---|---|--|---|---|
| Hour 1 | Registration<br>Course Overview<br>Introductions  | Understanding<br>Loop Pattern<br>"Ridge Flows"    | Understanding<br>Arch Pattern<br>"Ridge Flows"       | Unique And<br>Persistent                          | Physiology<br>Of Friction<br>Skin                                 |
| Hour 2 | History behind the<br>use of fingerprints<br>for Identification<br>purposes "The<br>Pioneers" | Ulnar – Radial<br>Right Slant<br>Left Slant       | Plain Arches<br>Vs.<br>Tented Arches                 | Three Levels<br>Of Detail Used in<br>Examinations | Understanding ACE<br>-V Methodology                               |
| Hour 3 | Areas Containing<br>Friction Skin   | Sufficient<br>Recurve<br>And The Core             | <b>Arch Pattern<br/>Recognition<br/>Exercises</b>    | "Searching Smart<br>First" Concepts               | Significance of the<br>Analysis Phase<br><b>Analysis Exercise</b> |
| Hour 4 | Review of Finger-<br>print Classification<br>Systems  | Delta<br>Formations                               | Understanding<br>Whorl Pattern<br>"Ridge Flows"      | <b>Level One<br/>Searching<br/>Exercise</b>       | Conclusions: Com-<br>parison & Evalua-<br>tion Phases             |
| Lunch  | Lunch   | Lunch   | Lunch  | Lunch   | Lunch   |
| Hour 5 | Overview of all 3<br>Major Fingerprint<br>Families<br>And an Introduc-<br>tion To All 8       | Intervening<br>Ridges                             | Whorl Pattern<br>Interpretations &<br>Tracing Values | Understanding<br>and Using<br>Level Two Detail    | <b>Search and Com-<br/>parison<br/>Exercises</b>                  |
| Hour 6 | Pattern Types<br>w/definitions  | Counting<br>Ridges                                | <b>Whorl Pattern<br/>Recognition<br/>Exercises</b>   | <b>Level Two<br/>Exercises</b>                    | The Impact of AFIS<br>Systems<br>& "AFIS Quality"                 |
| Hour 7 | Pattern Types and<br>The FBI IAFIS<br>Code  | <b>Loop Pattern<br/>Recognition<br/>Exercises</b> | NCIC Codes<br><b>NCIC<br/>Exercises</b>              | Exposure to<br>Level Three<br>Details             | <b>Final Comparison<br/>Exercise</b>                              |
| Hour 8 | <b>IAFIS Review &amp;<br/>Classification<br/>Exercise</b>                                     |   | Effects of Disease,<br>Scarring<br>& Mutilations     | <b>Comparison<br/>Exercises</b>                   | Review of Final<br>Exercise and<br>Awarding of Cert.              |

### I.A.I. APPROVED TRAINING HOURS

This course provides 40 training hours and is approved for IAI Certification and re-certification.

