

# RON SMITH & ASSOCIATES, INC.



#### FINDING LATENT EVIDENCE WITH CHEMISTRY AND LIGHT

#### **Course Description**

The purpose of this four day seminar is to enable the student:

- To identify the best technique, or series of techniques, for developing the maximum evidence
- To understand and exploit fluorescence as a powerful detection strategy, using a range of Forensic Light Sources
- To record impression evidence faithfully and accurately
- To prepare and use the chemical reagents safely in a laboratory environment.
- The student will learn about lasers and light sources as key forensic technology, as well as the principles behind luminescence detection of evidence.
- Techniques targeting tapes (adhesive side), blood prints on porous and nonporous surfaces will be featured.
- The student will learn how to use multiple techniques in the correct sequence on many surfaces for maximum results.
- The student will learn conventional, atypical and digital photographic techniques for extracting the clearest and most useful images.
- This course will feature hands-on sessions in exhibit processing and photography, as well as an examination and certificate of completion.

### **Target Audience**

Crime scene technicians, detectives, laboratory analysts and others who process evidence in a laboratory environment who want to understand and exploit fluorescence as a powerful detection strategy using chemical reagents and a range of Forensic Light Sources

#### Should be Able to Perform

The student will learn:

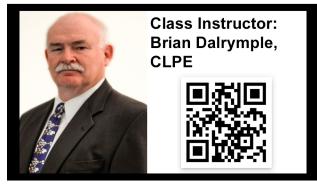
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#### **Must Bring to Class**

Students must bring lab coats or other protective garment and wear old clothing on lab days.

No open-toed shoes can be worn in the laboratory

All students are strongly encouraged to bring a digital camera (digital SLR preferred) with a macro lens and tripod to enhance the learning experience during this class – it is not required for attendance but is strongly encouraged. All types of standard digital media should be able to be used by the instructor to critique the work



Tuition: \$650.00

4 Days

32 I.A.I. Approved Training Hours

This course approved for I.A.I. Certification & Re-certification

## **Daily Schedule**

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
Hour 1 & 2	OPENING REMARKS - Continuity - Documenting & Marking Evidence - Exhibit Evaluation - Sequential Processing THEORY OF LIGHT & FLUORESCENCE (CLASSROOM)	HEALTH & SAFETY (CLASSROOM) LAB ROTATION (ALL DAY)	CRIME SCENE DNA (CLASSROOM) LAB ROTATION (ALL DAY)	IMPRESSION PHOTOGRAPHY (CLASSROOM)
Hour 3 & 4	CHEMICAL TREATMENTS (CLASSROOM)	LAB ROTATION	LAB ROTATION	PHOTOGRAPHIC PRACTICALS (LOCATION)
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Hour 5 & 6	COMPARISON OF LIGHT SOURCES (CLASSROOM)	LAB ROTATION	LAB ROTATION	PHOTOGRAPHIC PRACTICALS (CONTINUED)
Hour 7 & 8	MOCK CRIMES SCENES (LOCATION) DIGITAL IMAGING (CLASSROOM) (CLASS SPLIT)	LAB ROTATION	LAB ROTATION	REVIEW OF PRACTICAL ASSIGNMENTS EXAM PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES

### **Recommended Reading**

Lee and Gaensslen's Advances in Fingerprint Technology, Third Edition, CRC Press,2013, Edited by Robert Ramotowski Crime and Measurement: Methods in Forensic Investigation, Nafte, M., Dalrymple, B., Carolina Academic Press, 2011