

Friction Ridge Symposium: Palms, Plantars, Tips and Toes



ATTENTION: LATENT PRINT EXAMINERS!

1. Do you know if these prints are latent palm prints or latent plantar prints?
2. Do you know if these prints were made by the right or left hand or foot?
3. Do you know what part of the palm or foot made these latent prints?
4. Do you know what the correct comparison position of these prints are?
5. Do you know if these prints were made by a finger or a toe?
6. Do you know if these prints were made by fingers or toes of the right hand or foot?
7. Can you tell the difference between latent prints from the tips of fingers and the tips of toes?
8. Are you willing to report your results as an "Exclusion" with your existing knowledge of palms, plantars, tips and toes?

If the answer is "NO" to any of these questions, then you need to reserve a front seat in this symposium.

For years you have asked for this symposium and we have now been able to make it happen!

Course Description

RS&A has combined the industry's best course on Palm Prints with the industry's only course on Plantars, Tip Fingerprints and Toe Prints into one amazing symposium. It will be a week-long total immersion into the world of friction ridge examination especially designed to address the most problematic friction ridge areas. Latent Print Examiners tell us that they struggle with latent prints from the palms, feet, and tips of fingers. That is because they just don't have the training in those areas that they need to be successful in their examinations. This weeklong symposium will provide the latent print examiner with the critical information they need.

The class will be conducted by experts in friction ridge analysis, Jamie Bush and Jon Stimac, who are recognized as two of the very best latent print instructors in the country. They have taught their respective training modules across the country and have consistently received great reviews.

Target Audience

This symposium is designed for latent print examiners at all levels, from beginners to latent print supervisors who are required to Technically Review the work of their subordinates. If you know these techniques then fine, but if you don't, then it doesn't matter how much experience you have, you need to be in this class.

INSTRUCTORS:



Jamie Bush, CLPE



Jon Stimac, CLPE

Visit www.RonSmithandAssociates.com for instructor bios

Course Logistics

When:

November 3-7, 2025

Class Times:

08:00 AM - 05:00 PM

Where:

Maryland State Police
221 Milford Mill Rd.
Room 102
Pikesville, MD 21208

Tuition:

\$750.00

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Daily Schedule

* Time Permitting Shaded cells are hands-on practical exercises, often involving group discussion and student participation.

	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5
HOUR 1	- Registration - Course Overview - Introductions	Lecture: Crease Formations in the Palm Lecture: Latent Print Shapes, Ridge Flow, and Crease Clues in the 2nd & 3rd Joints	Practical Exercise 5: All Orientation Aspects	Plantar Comparative Concentrated Exercise	Introduction to Phalange Impressions
HOUR 2	Lecture: Ridge Flows in the Palm			Plantar Comparison Exercises (Medium Difficulty)	Phalange Comparative Concentrated Exercise
HOUR 3			Review of Exercise 5 Results	Plantar Comparison Exercises (Advanced Difficulty)	Phalange Comparison Exercises
HOUR 4	Review of Plantar Comparison Exercises			Review of Phalange Comparison Exercises	
LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
HOUR 5	Practical Exercise 1: Ridge Flow Features	Practical Exercise 3: Crease Formations	Module Overview/ Introductions	Introduction to Toe Impressions	Combined Friction Ridge Comparison Exercises
HOUR 6	Review of Practical Exercise 1	Review of Practical Exercise 3	Introduction to Plantar Impressions (History, Legal)	Toe Impressions Concentrated Exercise	Review of Comparison Exercises
HOUR 7	Practical Exercise 2: Ridge Flow Features	Practical Exercise 4: Ridge Flow Features	Plantar Morphology/ Terminology	Review of Toe Impressions Exercise	Plantar / Palmar <i>Bingo & Jeopardy</i>
HOUR 8	Review of Practical Exercise 2	Review of Practical Exercise 4 and Day 2	Plantar Association Practical Exercise	Review of Plantar and Toe Impression Modules	Closing Comments, Questions and Presentation of Certificates

Should be Able to Perform

Upon successful completion of this symposium you should be able to confidently discern the difference between latent palms and plantars as well as the differences between tips of fingers and toes. It may even cause you to go back and reopen some older cases that have bothered you for years. Don't miss this opportunity!

Must Bring to Class

Fingerprint Magnifier
Great Attitude and an Earnest Desire to get better as a Latent Print Examiner.

Helpful 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.

DoubleTree by Hilton Baltimore North-Pikesville

1726 Reisterstown Rd.

Pikesville, MD 21208

(410) 653-1100

Please click [here](#) for reservations

Comments on Training Site:

Park out front, head to front door for access, classroom to the left directly inside the door, sign the sign in sheet.