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**April 26, 2018 Hours 0800-1600**

**Yakima Police Department (Host)**

**SUICIDE AND THE EQUIVOCAL DEATH SCENE**

**SIDS AND THE INFANT DEATH SCENE**

A Nationally Recognized Training Program Endorsed by Law Enforcement Regional Training Academies, State Agencies & Associations Nationwide

**Presented by the Yakima Police Department**

**207 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street**

**Yakima, WA 98901 (Parking North Side Building)**

**(Hotel Information Provided on Website)**

**TUITION COST IS ONLY \$125.00 FOR EACH SEAT. IF YOU'RE AGENCY RESERVES THREE SEATS WE WILL GIVE YOU A FOURTH SEAT FREE**

SEATING IS LIMITED AND RELEASED ON A FIRST COME BASIS. TUITION RATE INCLUDES CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE AND ALL TRAINING MATERIAL IS PROVIDED ON DISC FORMAT.

This course is unique to our other one-day program in that the focus is divided into two topics throughout the day. The morning session will focus on suicides and the equivocal death investigation and the afternoon session will focus on the infant death scene and SIDS death. The course objectives are to illustrate through case review the key indicators at equivocal scenes which aid in defining the manner of death in cases where it is open to interpretation. Victimology will be the focus in equivocal death of adults as well as scene conditions and cause of death that are commonly associated with suicide as opposed to accidental death and homicide. The most commonly staged crime scenes are those where the suspects attempt to make the scene appear to be a suicide or an accidental scenario. Recognition of wound and injury patterns are also covered in detail to also include and equivocal diagnosis cutting chart used in equivocal cases where a sharp force weapon was the mechanism of death.

The afternoon session will focus on the infant death scene and the indicators and conditions focused on in cases of abuse and neglect. Many challenges are confronted by both patrol officers and investigators at the scenes of infant deaths. Many innocent looking scenes result in being ruled homicides, while equivocal death as well applies to almost every infant death scene. It has long been a well-known fact in medical science that neonates and infants do not die absent reason or cause. Therefore, the death of any child should be regarded as sudden and unexpected and the protocol and responsibilities that apply to adult death scenes are applied to those of infants. Any member of law-enforcement who plays any role at the crime scene or investigation of a suicide scene, equivocal death or infant death should consider attending this one-day course. Coroners and medical examiner investigators also greatly benefit from the case reviews presented during training.

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**THE INSTRUCTOR** FOR THIS TRAINING COURSE WILL BE INVESTIGATOR DAVID NEWMAN (RET) FROM THE NORFOLK POLICE DEPARTMENT IN VIRGINIA. INVESTIGATOR NEWMAN IS A 23 YEAR VETERAN OF THE NORFOLK P.D. FORMERLY ASSIGNED TO THE FORENSIC / HOMICIDE UNIT. HIS EXPERIENCE IN NORFOLK INCLUDES OVER 15 YEARS IN THE BUREAU SERVING IN HOMICIDE & FORENSICS AND INVOLVEMENT IN OVER 500 DEATH INVESTIGATIONS AND HIGH PROFILE HOMICIDES. WHILE SERVING IN FORENSICS HE HAS HANDLED OVER 2300 CASES INCLUDING AN ADDITIONAL 65 HOMICIDES. INVESTIGATOR NEWMAN RECEIVED HIS BACHELORS DEGREE FROM OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY IN 1986 IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE, AND HAS LECTURED OVER 3000 HOURS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY ON THE TOPIC OF HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION AND ITS RELATED FORENSIC APPLICATIONS. HIS COURSES HAVE BEEN TAUGHT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE VIRGINIA STATE DIVISION OF FORENSIC SCIENCE AND THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER. INVESTIGATOR NEWMAN ALSO INSTRUCTS BASIC AND ADVANCED FORENSICS AT THOMAS NELSON COLLEGE IN VIRGINIA, EQUIVOCAL DEATH SCENES AT THE VIRGINIA STATE DIVISION OF FORENSIC SCIENCE, AND IS A QUALIFIED EXPERT IN DEATH INVESTIGATION AND ITS RELATED FORENSIC FIELDS. HE HAS PROVIDED HUNDREDS OF HOURS OF EXPERT TESTIMONY IN CRIMINAL COURT PROCEEDINGS, AND IS A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED SPEAKER AND AUTHORITY ON THIS SUBJECT.

#### **TOPICS ARE TO INCLUDE:**

- \*WHAT IS EQUIVOCAL DEATH AND THE OBJECTIVE MINDSET
- \*INITIAL SCENE ASSESSMENT DEFINED BY SOP AND PROTOCOL
- \*DEFINE AND DISCUSS MANNER OF DEATH IN EACH CATEGORY ILLUSTRATING THE FACTORS AND INDICATORS ASSOCIATED WITH EACH
  - \*THE ROLE VICTIMOLOGY PLAYS IN EQUIVOCAL DEATH
    - \*WOUND AND INJURY INTERPRETATION
    - \*THE SUICIDE SCENE
  - \*EQUIVOCAL DEATH SCENE CHECKLIST SHEET
- LUNCH BREAK**
- \*THE INFANT HOMICIDE SCENE AND SIDS
- \*DEFINE AND ILLUSTRATE CASES OF NEONATICIDE/INFANTICIDE AND FILICIDE
  - \*REVIEW THE FACTORS THAT DEFINE SIDS
  - \*INFANT DEATH CHECKLIST SHEET
- \*DEFINE AND ILLUSTRATE CASES OF NEGLECT AND ABUSE RESULTING FROM PHYSICAL ACTS OR CASES OF OMISSION
  - \*ANGRY IMPULSIVE HOMICIDE CASES
  - \*DOMESTIC HOMICIDE SCENES INVOLVING INFANTS
- \*ANALYZING 911 PHONE CALLS REGARDING SUICIDE SCENES, EQUIVOCAL DEATHS AND THE INFANT DEATH SCENE

Inside the Tape Training was established in 2001 at the request of law-enforcement agencies in the State of Maryland. Since that time, Inside the Tape has developed into one of the most thorough and requested homicide investigation training courses available to law-enforcement today. This training is open to any member of law-enforcement at the state, local and federal level. Medical examiner investigators and coroners are also encouraged to attend this training. This course has been established and developed to benefit those from all levels of experience in homicide and suspicious death investigation.

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