Course objective is to train the patrol supervisor, officer and other first responders how to approach and manage a homicide or suspicious death scene prior to the arrival of scene investigators. This level of management is called assessment and many times most mistakes are made during this phase. Many patrol officers lack the training, experience and basic understanding of managing the scene of a homicide and avoiding too much traffic and cross contamination awareness, while at the same time establishing safe boundaries that will encompass all of the circumstantial evidence. Crime scene management begins with the arrival of the first officer on scene and continues on through both scene and homicide investigators. We all have certain responsibilities at various levels of a homicide investigation as it applies to the scene. The most important and often overlooked are the responsibilities of patrol. Know what to do before critical errors and possibly the loss of vital evidence takes place. It’s always been a simple rule in homicide investigation; how the initial scene is handled by patrol has a profound effect on the entire investigation. This one day class is designed to benefit those in patrol so they may understand what role they play not only in the initial securing of a homicide scene, but also provides them with a good understanding of circumstantial evidence recognition, preservation and documentation. Because patrol officers cannot often times have days off for training resulting from manpower restrictions, this course has been condensed to 8 hours to make it easier for them to attend. The instructor for this course is Inv. David Newman (Ret.) from the Norfolk Police Department in Virginia.
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 Bachelor’s Degree from Old Dominion University in 1986 in Criminal Justice with a minor in Psychology. He 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:
* THE OBJECTIVE MINDSET DURING THE INITIAL RESPONSE
* INITIAL SCENE ASSESSMENT DEFINED BY SOP AND PROTOCOL
* SIGNIFICANCE OF SCENE PRESERVATION / DOCUMENTATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY
* FIRST RESPONDERS INITIAL RESPONSIBILITIES
* RESPONSABILITIES OUTSIDE OF THE PRIMARY BOUNDARIES
* CRIME SCENE CONTAMINATION ISSUES AND SOURCES
* THE SUICIDE SCENE
* THE INFANT HOMICIDE SCENE AND SIDS
* RESPONSE TO THE SCENE AND INITIAL SAFETY ISSUES
* ANALYSIS OF THE 911 PHONE CALL
* CURSORY SEARCHING OF THE SCENE AND 4TH AMMENDMENT ISSUES
* ESTABLISHMENT OF PROPER HOMICIDE SCENE BOUNDARIES
* RECOGNITION OF THE PRIMARY VS. THE SECONDARY CRIME SCENE
* HANDLING OF CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE DURING CURSORY SEARCHING
* EVALUATION OF CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE CATEGORIES AND RECOGNITION
* PRESUMPTIVE I.D. OF THE VICTIM AND SIGNS OF DEATH

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