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## PATROL RESPONSE TO THE SUSPICIOUS DEATH AND HOMICIDE SCENE

**March 16, 2010 Hours 0800-1600**  
**Harford County Sheriff's Office**

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

**Sponsored by the Harford County Sheriff's Office**  
**Harford County Community College Chesapeake Center Dining Hall**  
**401 Thomas Run Road**  
**Bel Air, MD 21015**

**Tuition cost is only \$125.00 per seat**

Tuition includes: morning refreshments; 8 hours of instruction; 60 page training binder on CD;  
certificate of attendance; post-in service credit hours

Course objective is to train the patrol officer or first responder how to handle and approach a homicide or violent crime scene prior to the arrival of scene investigators. All too often mistakes are made at these types of scenes which can have a damaging ripple effect throughout the entire investigation. 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 physical 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 physical 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 350 DEATH INVESTIGATIONS AND HIGH PROFILE HOMICIDES. WHILE SERVING IN FORENSICS HE HAS HANDLED OVER 2300 CASES INCLUDING AN ADDITIONAL 45 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:**

- \*THE RESPONSE TO THE SCENE AND SCENE SAFETY
  - \*REVIEW OF THE 911 CALL
- \*FOURTH AMMENDMENT ISSUES AND CURSORY SEARCHING OF THE SCENE
  - \*RECOGNIZING PHYSICAL EVIDENCE WITHIN THE SCENE
  - \*PROPER MARKING OF EVIDENCE AT OUTDOOR SCENES
    - \*RECOGNIZING & PRONOUNCING DEATH
- \*ESTABLISHING PROPER BOUNDARIES FOR BOTH INDOOR AND OUTDOOR SCENES
  - \*PRIMARY SCENES VERSUS SECONDARY SCENES
- \*NOTIFICATION OF INVESTIGATORS AND DETERMINING NEED FOR MANPOWER
- \*HANDLING WITNESSES, SUSPECTS AND THE MEDIA AT THE INITIAL SCENE
  - \*RECOGNIZING EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES AND THE IMPACT ON PHYSICAL EVIDENCE
- \*DOCUMENTING THE INITIAL SCENE AND IDENTIFYING EVENTS CREATED BY RESCUE PERSONNEL
  - \*ESTABLISHING THE SCENE LOG AND ACCOUNTABILITY
  - \*INTERACTION WITH SUPERVISORS AT THE CRIME SCENE
- \*PRACTICAL REVIEW THOROUGH ACTUAL CASES AND IDENTIFYING CONTAMINATION

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