



Utah Bureau of Forensic Services

Crime Scene Specialist Training

Basic and Advanced Crime Scene Registration

Name _____

Agency _____

Contact Information

Email _____ Phone number _____

2019 Training Dates:

February 6

March 6-7

April 3

May 1

June 5

July 10-11

Aug 7

Sept 11

The cost of the class \$400.00. Please send check to:

Department of Public Safety

Utah Bureau of Forensic Services 2nd Floor

4501 South 2700 West

Salt Lake City, UT 84119

Return Registration to Bo Smith

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Ogden, UT 84404

Crime Scene Specialist

Description:

The Crime Scene Specialist Class is an entry-level course designed to provide the new investigator with correct tools to become familiar with the evaluation, preservation, documentation and collection of commonly encountered physical evidence types. If the student does well in the class and continues to practice these skill sets upon graduation, then they can expect to develop proficiency in crime scene processing.

Since the majority of crime scene work is documentation, this is the focus of the course. As such, the student will be required to bring their own SLR camera, tripod and flash with all necessary attachments. (e.g., sync cord, extra batteries, macro lens, etc...) However, the class does not teach entry-level camera use. We use the Nikon D200, and while most cameras are similar, they are different, and we cannot be expected to know everything about every camera. Hence, the student should be very familiar with their camera, its settings and attachments.

It is recommended that a basic photography course be taken prior to attempting this class. It is further recommended that a student bring a digital SLR camera and laptop to this course to aid in the rapid review and verification of photographs.

Minimum Passing Grade

There are four written examinations, which are given at the start of each class (0800) in the morning. The student must have a cumulative score of 70% or higher to pass the class and receive credit. There are multiple lab exercises that the student must complete and have instructor verification (signoff). At the end of this course (Friday) the students will assemble into four teams and each team will process a mock crime scene, demonstrating the skills that they have learned and practiced during the week.

Student Expectations

The student should plan on being very busy and adjust their work schedule to compensate for this class. To do well on the written test, each student will need to study an average of 1-2 hours each night (plus plan on one [night] photography shoot during the week). Optionally, the student may want to practice after class time some of the skills that they learned during the day. This will help the crime scene practical go smoother and lessen the student's anxieties. Remember to have fun and take full advantage of this time to ask questions of the experts teaching this class and practice your newly learned techniques.

Instructors:

Utah BFS Personnel

Phone:

Lab – 801-393-4549

- Email - bosmith@utah.gov

Tentative Schedule / Topics Covered:

- Crime Scene Management
- Note taking and Sketching and Exercises
- Collection/Preservation of Physical Evidence (Packaging, Trace, Blood [KM and swabbing], Documentation and collection of firearms and Exercises
- Camera Basics and Lab Exercises

- Crime Scene Photography and Exercises
- Paint
- Fire Debris
- Fibers
- Bloodstain Patterns (Documentation, Photography, etc.) and Exercises
- Fingerprints
- Physical Development and Lifting of Fingerprints
- Fingerprint Lab
- Footwear/Tire and Exercises
- Firearms/Trajectory
- Crime Scene Practical

Student Notes:

Cost for course to cover materials is \$400.00 payable to Utah Bureau of Forensic Services prior to the first day of class.

For R.S.V.P., payment and general class information please contact Bo Smith at bosmith@utah.gov or 801-393-4549

Prerequisites:

1. Submittal of an application and materials fee.
2. A camera (SLR) – not a point and shoot.

Max enrollment: (16)

Course Dates	Location	Time	Status
February 6 March 6-7 April 3 May 1 June 5 July 10-11 August 7 September 11	Unified State Laboratories 4431 2700 W West Valley City, UT 84119	0800	Open