



Legal & Liability Risk Management Institute

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Online Training:

Documenting Bloodstains at the Death Scene

Date: September 19, 2024

Time: 1:00pm-3:00pm Eastern

Registration Fee: \$150

This training is for anyone who will be investigating a death scene, including police officers, death scene investigators, and crime scene technicians.

Blood found at crime scenes or on victims, suspects, or witnesses (clothing or person) should be considered significant evidence and should be treated as such when being documented, collected and preserved. Before blood evidence can be properly analyzed, it needs to be properly documented.

At a death scene involving bloodshed it is obviously important to document where the blood is located, but it is equally important to document where the blood is not located. The absence of blood in certain areas of the scene may be as important to the reconstruction of events as the presence of bloodstains. To that end, the scene must be properly documented through photographs, notes, and diagrams in such a way as to leave no doubt as to the locations where blood is located and not located. Tips and techniques for documenting bloodstains in this manner will be explained and re-enforced with actual case samples.

Various blood letting injuries that result in bloodstains at the scene will be discussed. Examples of identifying and documenting injuries will be presented and illustrated through case examples.

Topics include:

- Probative value and limitations of bloodstain evidence
- Identifying sharp force injuries
- Bullet entrance and exit wounds
- Photographing bloodstains from overall, medium, and close up perspectives
- Documentation necessary in determining an active scene from a passive scene
- Using bloodstains to corroborate or refute other evidence collected in the investigation
- Understanding how much blood should you “expect to find” at a given assault or homicide scene
- Environmental factors that contribute to the drying time of liquid blood
- Common mistakes to avoid when photo-documenting bloodstain evidence
- Suggestions for documenting and collecting blood swabs at the scene
- Proper drying and packaging methods for collecting bloodstain evidence

Instructor: Tom Martin, Senior Investigator, New York State Police, (retired)

Tom Martin began his law enforcement career in 1988 as a uniformed New York State Trooper, and began his forensic career in 1990 as a crime scene field technician. For the majority of his career, Tom was assigned to the NYSP Forensic Identification Unit in Poughkeepsie, and supervised that unit for 14 years before retiring from that position in October 2010. Tom regularly provides forensic testimony in various state and federal courts.

Tom has a B.S. degree in Criminal Justice. He is a nationally recognized speaker who has instructed at numerous forensic training seminars across the United States, including the American Academy of Forensic Sciences Annual Conferences, The National Institute of Justice



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Annual Conferences and Technology Fairs, and the Smithsonian Institute. He is a faculty member of the National College of District Attorneys.

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- **ONLY** the registered attendee will receive a link to join the training (Link will be sent 1-2 Days Prior to the Event)

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- Quiz link will need to be forwarded to each person in your group so they may print a certificate after completing the quiz.
- 30 Days Access of the Recording (this link may be shared with others in your department)

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