

**Sacramento Police Department**  
**Mandatory Academy Follow-up Training**  
**2021**

*The following course is offered to academy graduates as they enter the field training program at the Sacramento Police Department. These new officers are brought back to the training environment several times as they progress through the field training.*

**Course Title: Crime Scene Management in death cases**

**Course Description:** To provide basic knowledge and understanding of crime scene management and the investigation of homicides, Death in Custody, and Officer Involved Shooting.

**Course Objectives:** Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

- Know the role of a first responder at a critical incident
- Recognize different crime scenes and the needs of each
- Know the importance of neighborhood canvases
- Know the importance of witness identifications and statement documentation
- Know their legal authority to detain witnesses
- Know the difference between a Special Needs Detention and an Investigative Detention
- Know what a Homicide Call-Out consists of, and who authorizes it
- Know what documentation is required of an officer at a Homicide scene
- Know how to identify possible evidence at a critical incident and what to do when possible evidence is located
- Understand the importance of not disturbing possible evidence at a scene
- Know which types of evidence (DNA, Blood, Hair, Saliva, Semen) may be present at a scene
- Know how to properly handle a weapon at a crime scene
- Know the responsibilities of a first responder at the hospital
- Know the legal considerations related to a critical incident crime scene
- Explain what Excited Delirium is and know the indicators
- Appropriately respond to an individual experiencing Excited Delirium
- Know what an Officer Involved Shooting Investigation consists of
- Know what to expect if they are involved in a Death in Custody or Officer Involved Shooting
- Know which internal and external entities respond to a Death in Custody or Officer Involved Shooting

- Know what happens at the scene of a Death in Custody or Officer Involved Shooting
- Know their rights related to a Death in Custody or Officer Involved Shooting investigation
- Know what to expect in an interview when involved in a Death in Custody or Officer Involved Shooting investigation
- Understand the departments review process for critical incidents
- Understand the Homicide/Felony Assaults Unit's role in a critical incident investigation

**Representative Methods of Evaluation:**

- Class participation