

Sacramento Police Department After-Academy Training Course

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