



Law Enforcement Training Advisory Commission

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Investigating Infant and Child Death

December 13th, 2022

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

LETAC Training Center

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***This course is pending ILETSB approval and certification for the following mandates:
Lead Homicide Investigator (8hrs)***

Course overview: This course is designed with the detective or patrol officer investigating death, and coroners or medicolegal death investigators in mind. This course will specifically discuss scene processing, last known re-enactments, witness and family statements, evidence collection and documentation, injury and wound interpretation, investigative techniques as they relate to child and infant death and the multi-disciplinary approach to reviewing these cases. This course contains photography of real scenes and pathology evidence.

Course Objectives:

At the end of this course students will be better equipped to:

1. Explain why a course on investigating infant and child death is important
2. Explain the difference in SIDS v. SUID
3. Explain the importance of a interdisciplinary investigative approach
4. Recognize mental health concerns of these types of investigations
5. List the two ways infant deaths scene are compromised
6. Explain how abusive head trauma occurs
7. Explain what development milestones are and how they affect an investigation
8. List the three key factors of bruising as it relates in the investigation
9. Explain the correct sequence used in conducting an external body exam
10. List the three people needed for a proper scene re-enactment
11. Explain the difference in personal property v. evidence.

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12. Identify the most important piece of evidence in an infant death
13. List the three key factors in collecting evidence
14. Explain what the “Locard Exchange Principal” Means
15. List the five manners of death
16. List the two elements that must exist for a ruling of suicide

Instructor: Darren Dake, D-ABMDI, CI, CCI

Darren Dake is a law enforcement professional with over 35 years' experience in criminal and medicolegal death investigation. Darren has worked in both the law enforcement realm of investigations as well as in the role of senior investigator with the Coroner's office for over 20 years. This combined investigative experience has uniquely established Darren as an expert in investigations which allows him to consult and teach internationally on investigation practices and procedures. Darren holds national certification as a Medicolegal Death Investigator through the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators (ABMDI), as well as being a nationally certified criminal investigator and certified criminal investigations instructor.

Non-Member Tuition: \$80. Non-Member tuition shall apply to civilians, officers from State/Federal agencies, and officers from Local Law Enforcement agencies which are not a member of any MTU. Tuition will be invoiced to departments upon course completion. If a pre-registered student from a Non-Member agency fails to attend training, and the agency fails to provide advance notice within 7 days of the start date of that class, the agency will be invoiced the entire amount of the student's tuition.

To Register: Email registration to register@letac.org. You may also fill out and submit our online registration form through the website at www.letac.org or call 217-726-7014 to register by phone (be sure to include all pertinent information). **MTU#10 Law Enforcement members who are under the mandate requirements will be given priority on state mandated courses and then MTU#10 local members. If it is not a mandated course, all MTU# 10 local members will be given registration preference until seven days prior to the date of class. After that date, registrations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis, regardless of MTU status. *We cannot accept registrations from individual officers. All registrations must go through your Chief, Sheriff, or department training office, even if you are attending class on your own time.***

Cancellation: If a class must be canceled for any reason, every effort will be made to do so at least 2 weeks before the class is scheduled to begin. However, there are circumstances where last minute cancellation is out of our control. All officers who have been registered for training will be contacted at the email address given at registration, so please be sure to provide an email address which is checked often.

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