

Course: Latent Print Development for Law Enforcement

Course Length: 1 day

Course Location: As requested

Abstract:

This course is intended for patrol officers assigned with the duty of processing scenes for latent prints that have not been formally trained in the use of these techniques. It will encompass basic information about latent prints and their composition, documentation, and chain of custody. There will be ample time dedicated to practicing with a variety of on-scene techniques for multiple surface types.

At the completion of this course students will be able to:

- Identify the three basic types of crime scene prints
- Describe the components of latent print residue
- Properly document prints developed at the scene
- Select the proper packaging to preserve prints for laboratory development
- Categorize a variety of surface types
- Identify the correct field processing technique for each surface type
- Explain sequential processing