

DEATH INVESTIGATION TRAINING

Hosted by
The Chesterfield County Coroner's Office
Tuesday, June 13th & Thursday, June 15th
8:00am-4:00pm
Lunch will be served

The training is the same both days so you can choose either day to attend. We are putting this training on for our sheriff's office to help them and others understand what we do and things to look for when conducting a death investigation.

Seating is limited to 50 per day

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Presenter: Dr. Michael Murphy

Death Investigation: Cause, Manner and Mechanism of Death and the Investigative Process

Course Objective:

Participants will receive an overview of the legal definitions for cause, manner of death, an understanding of the basic death investigative process as well as the ability to identify various types of injuries related to the death of an individual.

This course will further review the origins of the coroner medical legal system, the need for coordinated investigation as well as the necessity to utilize trained, forensic pathologists in determining the cause of death.

A Multitude of Death Cases Will Be Reviewed Throughout the Presentation Allowing the Participant to Focus on A Variety of Injuries to Include:

- Lacerations
- Incised Wounds
- Contusions
- Abrasions
- Penetrating/Stab Wounds
- Ballistic Injuries and Their Characteristics
- Thermal Injuries

Additionally, Attendees Will Be Introduced to A Myriad of Investigative Cases to Include:

- Child Death
- Accidental vs Intentional Injuries ~ Signs of Abuse and Neglect
- Elder Death
- Abuse vs Neglect, Lack of Selfcare and Understanding the Death Scene
- Homicide
- Suicide ~ and the Understanding of Suicide Ideation
- Homicide vs Suicide
- Accidental
- Autoerotic

Understanding the Coroner/Medical Examiner's Office Responsibility:

- Body Recovery
- Identification of the deceased
- Cause and manner of death
- Protection of property
- Identification & Notification of next of kin
- Family response

Forensic Capabilities and the Availability of Resources:

- Exhumation
- Anthropology
- Odontology
- Post Mortem Changes/Decomposition
- Entomology
- Radiology
- Toxicology
- Religious considerations

Finally, we will spend time addressing court room demeanor and the relativity of well documented reports and the ability to effectively testify to your work.

Dr. P. Michael Murphy is a guest lecturer, instructor, and subject matter consultant regarding law enforcement topics, medicolegal death investigations, management topics and a wide variety of motivational presentations. He has been honored to provide instructional guidance internationally on multiple occasions, to various government agencies and private industries in countries around the world.

His journey of public service began as an entry level police officer in Kansas City, Kansas to serving as Chief of Police in Mesquite, Nevada, to Coroner for the Clark County of Nevada Office of the Coroner/Medical Examiner for 13 years while simultaneously acting as the Interim Director of Juvenile Justice Services and Chief Lobbyist for the 76th & 77th Legislative Sessions of the Nevada Legislature. As Director of Forensic Services for The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in Alexandria, Virginia, he was responsible for the Long Term Missing and Unidentified, Forensic Services, Image Enhancement/Age Progression Units while serving as the National Amber Alert Coordinator.

A graduate of the FBI National Academy, Dr. Murphy also has a doctoral degree in Business Administration with California Pacific University. He is also a Fellow with the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators.

Dr. Murphy has been recognized as the Administrator of the Year by the American Society of Public Administrator (ASPA) Nevada Chapter, Clark County Director of the Year with his office receiving the Outstanding Contributions in the Field of Death Investigations and Unidentified Victims Awards from the International Homicide Investigator's Association. He has been featured in VegasSeven Weekly Magazine as one of the Most Intriguing People and awarded the 1st Annual Infinity Award by Nevada Donor Network for excellence in service to organ donation recipients and the community at large.

Dr. Murphy has served as President of the International Association of Coroner & Medical Examiners (IACME), President of the Nevada Chapter of the FBI National Academy (FBINA), President of the Nevada Sheriff's and Chief's Association, Chairman of the State of Nevada Peace Officer's Standards and Training Commission (POST) as well as Advisory Board Member of the Violent Criminal Apprehension Program (ViCAP). He continues to serve on numerous committees at the federal, state, and local levels.