Libra Forensic Consulting, LLC

FORENSICS FOR DETECTIVES

Instructor: Melissa Fernandez CCSA, CBPA

April 7-9, 2027
0800-1600hrs.
Location:
John H. Stamler Police Academy
1776 Raritan Rd. Scotch Plains, NJ

Suggested Lodging Information:
Holiday Inn Clark
36 Valley Rd. Clark, NJ
Gov't Rate $145

Tuition: $375
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Class and Academy Requirements:
Attendees shall bring a laptop with USB connection.
Attire policy: Uniform or Business Professional (no jeans or sneakers)

Built specifically for detectives and supervisors, this 3-day course delivers practical forensic insight that can be applied immediately to active and future casework. Participants will strengthen their ability to interpret crime scenes, recognize critical evidence, and connect forensic observations to investigative strategy.

Attendees will leave with a sharper, more disciplined approach to case evaluation—equipped to improve investigative decision-making, enhance interviews, support stronger reports, and present findings with greater confidence in court. This course is ideal for detectives handling property crimes, violent crimes, death investigations, and complex scenes where forensic interpretation can make the difference.

Course Objectives:

- Recognize, prioritize, and evaluate physical evidence at crime scenes
- Conduct more effective interviews by using crime scene observations to guide questioning
- Identify spatter and non-spatter bloodstain patterns and utilize that data during interviews
- Apply key principles of shooting incident reconstruction to investigative analysis
- Recognize indicators of staged crime scenes
- Differentiate key forensic considerations in death investigations, including homicide and suicide
- Translate forensic observations into clear, defensible investigative reports
- Strengthen courtroom testimony by clearly explaining forensic findings and investigative conclusions