

**CORONERS' EDUCATION BOARD**  
**PROPOSAL FOR COURSE APPROVAL**

*For Review*

**NAME OF COURSE:** FIRST RESPONDERS SEMINAR

**TOTAL HOURS:** 80

**COST:** \$25.00

**LOCATION (ADDRESS):** 11083 HAMILTON AVENUE  
CINCINNATI, CINCINNATI 45231

**DATE(S) OF COURSE:** 06/12/2023 TO 06/15/2023

**PRESENTER:** CINCINNATI SEARCH AND RECOVERY

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**CONTACT PERSON TO ENROLL IN COURSE:** MARGO SHARI

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**DATE:** 12/22/2022



To whom it may concern:

My name is Margo Shari, I was a former Law Enforcement officer in the State of Ohio and currently a Death Investigator. I am also a volunteer with Cincinnati Search and Recovery (CSAR), we are a nonprofit organization that aids LE or other professional agencies in the search of missing persons, free of charge.

We are hosting our third First Responders Seminar in June 2023; we currently have several accreditations, but it would be an honor if Pennsylvania Coroners Training Board would consider our seminar accredited as well. Attached is the schedule, instructor bio's (we are waiting on a few still) and class/course descriptions.

Please let me know if there are additional documents or forms that are needed. Again, we appreciate your consideration regarding this matter, looking forward to speaking with you soon.

Sincerely,

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# CINCINNATI SEARCH & RECOVERY

## 2023 FIRST RESPONDER'S SEMINAR

JUNE 12-15, 2023

REGISTER BY JUNE 1st, 2023, AT  
 WWW.CINCINNATISEARCHRECOVERY.ORG  
 (UNDER UPCOMING EVENTS)

**MONDAY JUNE 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023** 11083 HAMILTON AVENUE CINCINNATI OH 45231

	CLASSROOM MT STORM	CLASSROOM MT LOOKOUT
0800-1000	Defecting Arson & Accelerant w/K9 Use Lt. Chris Ellis, Sharonville Fire	Crime Scene Preservation Detective John Mulholland, Green Twp PD (This class is four (4) hours long)
1000-1200	Traumatic Brain Injury Ellen Green RN, UC Air Care	
1200-1300	LUNCH	LUNCH
1300-1500	Forensic Trace Evidence Emily Weber, Hamilton County Coroner's Office	Human Trafficking Special Agent Val Seely Homeland Security
1500-1700	Forensic DNA Evidence Joan Burke, DNA Technical Leader Hamilton County Coroner's Office	Search & Rescue/Recovery Aiding Law Enforcement Jeff Shari, Chief of Cincinnati Search & Recovery

**TUESDAY JUNE 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023** 11083 HAMILTON AVENUE CINCINNATI OH 45231

	CLASSROOM MT STORM	CLASSROOM MT LOOKOUT
0800-1000	Basic Death Investigations Justin Weber & Maria Stewart Hamilton County Coroner's Office	PENDING CLASS COMING - AUTISM
1000-1200	Infant & Child Deaths Detective Ken Mullis, Union Twp. Police Department	Sexual Assaults & Investigation Jane Noel, former CPD Detective with Personal Crimes
1200-1300	LUNCH	LUNCH
1300-1500	Forensic Drug Analysis Laura Kimble, Forensic Scientist III Hamilton County Coroner's Office	Mayerson's Center for Safe & Healthy Children Heidi Mallot, LISW-S Clinical Program Manager
1500-1700	Drug Smuggling Homeland Security	Ohio Sex Offender laws & Requirements Zahid H Siddiqi, Chief Counsel with Ohio Attorney General's Office/BCI

**WEDNESDAY JUNE 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023** 11083 HAMILTON AVENUE CINCINNATI OH 45231

	CLASSROOM MT STORM	CLASSROOM MT LOOKOUT
0800-1000	K9 Aid & Buddy Aid Brian Doering Cincinnati Fire Department	Forensic Ballistics John Heile Hamilton County Coroner's Office
1000-1200	The Dark Web Special Agent, Val Seely, Homeland Security	ATF (Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms) Residence Agent in Charge Frank Occhipinti
1200-1300	LUNCH	LUNCH
1300-1500	Fraudulent Documents & Investigations Agent Scott Meader Ohio BMV, Investigation Unit	Forensic Genealogy, Ohio BCI Department Supervisor, Kristen Slaper Criminal Intelligence Unit Supervisor, Dana Forney Agent in Charge, Roger Davis
1500-1700	Overdose Deaths - Making the Dealer Accountable Tom Fallon, Heroin Task Force, Commander	Mental Health for First Responders Dr Keith Kline with Mental Health America of Northern KY & SW OH

**THURSDAY JUNE 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023** 11083 HAMILTON AVENUE CINCINNATI OH 45231

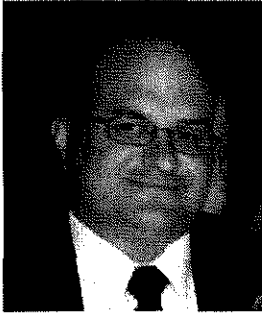
	CLASSROOM MT AIRY
0800-1000	Forensic Anthropology Dr Cheryl Johnston
1000-1200	Forensic Archaeology & Taphonomy Archaeology Dr Cheryl Johnston
1200-1300	LUNCH
1300-1500	UC Air Care, Ellen Green, RN, Flight Nurse

**COST: \$25 for the entire week**  
 Continuing Educational credits available

See website for more information

## Crime Scene Preservation

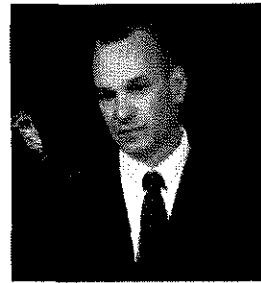
Instructor: Detective John Mulholland, Green Township PD



**Class Description:** Will show the act, process, or result of preserving something: such as an activity or process of keeping something valued alive, intact, or free from damage or decay preservation. He will instruct on the functions of the camera, lighting, and art of crime scene photography. John Mulholland has been the crime scene investigator and latent fingerprint examiner for the Green Township Police department for 10 years and formerly with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office for 20 years. He has a degree in analytical chemistry and hold certificates from the FBI, BCII, Miami Valley Regional Crime Lab, ATF and many more in the field of criminal forensic investigation. He has testified as an expert witness in these disciplines in three different states and provides support to multiple local and federal agencies. John has instructed for local universities and law classes as well as a featured guest speaker at the Tennessee Mountain Criminal Justice Conference. Some of the cases he has been involved in have been featured on "Forensic Files" and A&E.

## Overdose Death Investigations-Holding the dealer accountable

Instructor: Tom Fallon, Commander of the Heroin Task Force



**Class Description:** Instructor will cover, the Task Forces purpose, when to call in addition to drug names, sellers, users etc. Thomas M. Fallon, Captain Amberley Village Police Department, is the Commander and a founding member of the Hamilton County (Ohio) Heroin Task Force. Commander Fallon has served as the Commander of this task force since its inception in June 2015. Under Commander Fallon's command, the Task force has investigated over 1100 opioid related overdose deaths and over 60 non-fatal overdoses. On October 5, 2016, the Hamilton County Heroin Coalition Task Force was given the award by Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine for the "Ohio Distinguished Law Enforcement Group Achievement." In September of 2019, this task force was named "Ohio Task Force of the Year" by Ohio NARCO- Ohio NARCO is a not-for-profit Law Enforcement Association serving Ohio's Law Enforcement community. In his role with the Task Force, Commander Fallon initiated the Quick Response Team (QRT) in Norwood, Ohio in 2016, and is currently leading a multi-jurisdictional, county-wide Quick Response Team (QRT) in Hamilton County. In early 2021, Commander Fallon was the law enforcement lead and program coordinator one of the largest QRT expansion projects in the nation.

## **Detecting Arson & Accelerant Detection K9 Use**

Instructor: Chris Ellis Sharonville Fire Department



**Class Description:** DETECTING ARSON AND ACCELERANT DETECTION K9 USE class will be about fire pattern recognition, incendiary vs. accidental fires, and accelerant detection canine use. Chris Ellis joined the fire service in 1996 and works for the Sharonville Fire Department where he serves as a Battalion Chief and serves as a Reserve Police Officer with the Amberley Village Police Department. Chris is member of the Hamilton County FIU where he currently the Central Team Captain. Chris holds the IAAI credentials of CFI, CI, ECT, FIT, and the Vehicle Fire Endorsement, as well as an ATF ADC handler. Chris also holds the CFEI and CVFI through NAFI. He is the current 2nd Vice President of the Ohio IAAI, and serves as the training committee chair

## **Basic Death Investigations**

Instructor: Justin Weber, Chief Coroner Investigator Hamilton County Coroner's Office



**Class Description:** During this class, participants will learn basic death investigation techniques and the role of the Coroner's Office. Participants will learn the difference between law enforcement and death investigators. They will learn what death investigators look at while conducting a basic death investigation and will have an opportunity to look at a couple case studies. Participants will also learn about the basic autopsy procedure as well as length to complete a full autopsy and receive results. Justin Weber is a veteran United States Marine during which he served 3 tours in Iraq from 2003 through 2006. An infantry Marine by specialty, Justin Weber was cross trained as a Mortuary Affairs specialist in Ft. Lee, Virginia prior to being deployed for the initial invasion to Iraq. Upon leaving the Marine Corp in 2006, Justin was employed by the Butler County Coroner's Office as a death investigator, during that time he finished his Criminal Justice degree and began his career in death investigation. Justin left the Butler County Coroner's Office in 2008, when he became employed by the Hamilton County Coroner's office. Justin has continued his career there and has investigated over 1500 deaths. He was promoted to the Chief Investigator position in January 2019.

## Forensic Trace Evidence

Instructor: Emily Weber, Senior Trace Evidence Examiner Hamilton County Coroner's Office



**Class Description:** Attendees will learn about the different evidence sub-disciplines within the trace evidence section. Attendees will learn how to properly collect, package, and submit a variety of trace evidence. Analysis and conclusions will be briefly discussed along with some case examples. Emily Weber is in her eleventh year of employment at the Hamilton County Coroner's Crime Laboratory, where she is the Senior Trace Evidence Examiner. She holds a B.S. in Forensic Science from Eastern Kentucky University. She is past President of the American Society of Trace Evidence Examiners. She is also a member of the Organizational Scientific Area Committee Gunshot Residue subcommittee, the Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists, and Logistics Officer for the Hamilton County Fire Investigation Unit. She was presented the New Scientist Award in 2013 and a Certificate of Recognition in 2019 by the Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists. She has lectured and instructed numerous officers in regard to trace evidence disciplines, collection, packaging, and preservation.

## DNA Evidence

Instructor: Joan Burke, DNA Technical Leader Hamilton County Coroner's Office



### **Class Description:**

Testing methods in Forensic Biology such as blood, semen, and saliva identification.

Basic DNA analysis including extraction, DNA profiling, interpretation, and statistics.

Searching samples in the CODIS database

### **Bio:**

I have been employed at the Hamilton County Coroner's office for the past 33 years. I have a B. S. in Biology from Ashland University. I also have a Master's degree in Forensic Science from George Washington University.

## K9 Medicine & Aid/Buddy Aid

Instructor: Brian Doering, NRP, FP-C, TP-C  
Cincinnati Fire Department



**Class Description:** This class will focus on point-of injury care for K9 (animal patient) and handlers/teams (human patients.) The content will cover basics of immediate trauma care, hemorrhage control, transport decision-making, and interactions with EMS. The class will be lecture and lab (hands-on) in nature and involve wound-packing on a tissue trainer. Please do NOT bring your K9

## Bio:

Brian Doering started in the fire service as a volunteer in 2004 and became a career firefighter with the City of Cincinnati Fire Department in 2008. He is currently assigned to Medic 46 based in Hyde Park Square on the east side of Cincinnati where his unit continues to make over 4,000 incidents per year. He joined the department while finishing up an enlistment in the US Army Reserves where he served as Sergeant and Team Leader as an Armor Crewman, Construction Equipment Operator, and Combat Engineer. Brian has prided himself on many career advancements including obtaining board certifications in flight medicine and tactical medicine, austere medicine assignments, and regularly instructs EMS courses at Scarlet Oaks and Cincinnati State. Brian is a member of the Southwest Ohio EMS Protocol Committee, Special Operations Medical Association, and also served 2 terms as a village councilman. He has traveled the Greater Cincinnati region teaching "Stop The Bleed" for the American College of Surgeons and University of Cincinnati Medical Center and he has also been an EMS presenter for multiple health systems and hospital partners in the region. In April 2018, Brian served as a member of an expedition in the Everest Region of Nepal. Three physicians, a paramedic supervisor, and a regional director of the Red Cross also made up the team. The team climbed throughout the Khumbu Region for several weeks ultimately making the climb to Everest Base Camp at 18,000ft. The team toured the Everest Base Camp ER and received training and instruction from the Himalayan Rescue Association. Brian continues to serve as the senior medic assigned to Medic 46 with the City of Cincinnati and continues to challenge his supervisors, peers, and students to always make excellence the minimum standard of care.

## **Traumatic Head/Brain Injuries**

Instructor: Ellen Greene RN BSN CCRN NREMT-P  
Critical care ICU nurse 8 years, Flight nurse 5 years

**Class description:** Recognize traumatic brain injuries of all levels as they present in the field. Prioritize field assessment and treatment of TBI. Differentiate between concussion, mild-moderate-severe TBI

## **Air Care Flight & Landing**

Instructor: Ellen Greene RN BSN CCRN NREMT-P  
Critical care ICU nurse 8 years, Flight nurse 5 years

**Class description:**



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## **Forensic Genealogy**

Instructors: Kristen Spaler  
Special Agent in Charge, Roger Davis  
Criminal Intelligence Unit Supervisor, Dana Forney



## **BMV Investigations Unit**

Instructors: Scott Meador, BMV Investigator

### **BMV Class Description:**

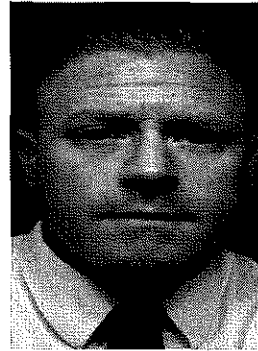
Identification of fraudulent identity documents will be the focus of this course. The class will cover security features of common documents used for identification. This may particularly aid in investigations of people that are illegally present in the U.S. as many of these individuals carry fraudulent identity documents. The class will also touch on counterfeit vs. altered documents. An increasing trend of vehicles registered to non-existent companies and how the BMV may be able to aid in owner identification of those vehicles will also be covered. Discussion of how Ohio BMV may be able to provide leads or aid in the identification of impostors.



**Scott Meador** is an investigator with the Ohio Department of Public Safety- BMV Investigations. Scott investigates cases of identity theft that are related to BMV issued credentials. Meador also investigates fraud as it relates to vehicle titles and registrations. BMV Investigations also assists consumers by ensuring licensed auto dealerships operated within the confines of the ORC and OAC. Scott assists police agencies by aiding in the identification of suspects and their vehicles by performing a VIN build and then querying that build against vehicle registrations. Scott teaches fraudulent document course to all front line BMV employees. Prior to joining BMV Investigations Scott was an officer with the Cincinnati Police Department.

## **Forensic Ballistics**

Instructor: John Heile, Firearms and Tool Mark Examiner, Forensic Scientist III  
Hamilton County Coroner's Office



**Class Description:** Discuss the categories of ballistics include internal, transitional, external, and terminal ballistics, bullets microscopic marks or 'ballistic fingerprints.

## **Forensic Drug Analysis**

Instructor: Laura Kimble, Forensic Scientist III  
Hamilton County Coroner's Office



**Class Description:** Will discuss Forensic drug testing, screening, and confirmation. Different types of drugs, their interactions, determine whether the material submitted contains an illegal substance. Based on the results of the analysis, law enforcement can pursue criminal charges and the court can determine appropriate sentencing.

**The Importance of Search & Rescue Groups for Law Enforcement Agencies**

Instructor: Jeff Shari, Current Chief of CSAR and former Cincinnati Police Detective



**Class description:** Will provide information to law enforcement officers when the best time to utilize search and rescue teams and the resources they have.

**Sexual Assaults and Investigations**

Instructor: Retired Detective, Jane Noel, Cincinnati Police Department, Personal Crimes Unit



**Class Description:** Will discuss how to handle reports, victims, and suspects. Interview and interrogations techniques, evidence collection etc.

**Child Abuse Prevention**

Instructor: Heidi A Malott, LISW-S Clinical Program Manager, with Mayerson Center for Safe & Healthy Children



**Class description:**

This course will focus on children of physical and sexual abuse, their emotions, treatments and after care. Will inform law enforcement signs and help with interviewing strategies and how to prevent abuse.

**Ohio Sex Offender Laws & Requirements**

Instructor: Zahid Siddiqi, Chief Counsel – BCI Office of Ohio Attorney General

**Class Description:** Will discuss the various laws, requirements, levels of sex offenders, and how officers can help Sheriff's Office with violations.

## Forensic Archaeology, Taphonomy, and forensic anthropological

Instructor: Dr. Cheryl Johnston



### Class Descriptions:

The Forensic Archaeology, Taphonomy, and forensic anthropological field methods, postmortem changes to remains, and skeletal trauma. These topic areas all afford expanding frontiers in forensics that are highly suited for thesis projects, and incoming students are highly encouraged to pursue these fields. Forensic Archaeology covers all methods of field recovery, including burials and surface deposits, and pursues new applications of technology for mapping and recording sites and improvements to field methods. Forensic Taphonomy covers all changes during the postmortem period from death of the organism until the recovery of its remains. These changes include the processes of decomposition and what environmental factors affect its rate and form; scavenging by invertebrates and vertebrates; alteration of bones by vertebrates and the diagnosis of these alterations; dispersal of remains by human activities, other mammals, birds, and natural forces; subaerial weathering of bone and other natural forces to surface-exposed remains; alterations brought about by burial, including root penetration, soil staining, acidic dissolution, and coffin environments; and cultural practices to bone, including storage, handling, display, and ritual. Forensic Trauma covers alterations to bone by human agencies, including ballistic, blunt force, sharp force, and thermal vectors, and the diagnosis of these from each other and taphonomy alterations. This research includes the effects of dismemberment and subsequent thermal alteration upon the ability to diagnose bone trauma.

### Bio:

Dr. Cheryl Johnston is a Diplomate of the American Board of Forensic Anthropology and a physical anthropologist with expertise in forensic anthropology and bio-archaeology. Her experience includes interpreting human remains from many contexts including 19th century cemeteries. She has directed an outdoor human decomposition facility and a human identification lab and has produced publications and given presentations on these topics. Dr. Johnston also has many years of experience with NAGPRA and culturally sensitive work with Native American human remains. She managed the production of NAGPRA inventories at the Ohio History Connection in the 1990s and carried out a cooperative agreement to document human remains curated at the Hopewell Culture National Historical Park in 2010. In her current position at the University of Cincinnati she serves as NAGPRA Coordinator and Tribal Liaison.

**Jury, Ali R.**

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## *PA Office of Attorney General*

**Name of Course**

First Responders Seminar

**Total Hours**

80

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