

Mansfield University
Public Safety Training Institute
65 Clinton Street
Mansfield, PA 16933



Non-Traffic Death Investigation

Date: October 6-7, 2020 Two Days, 12 hours

Location: Mansfield University, Doane Center (Police Academy)

Instructor: Cpl. Corey Wetzel, PSP

Maximum Enrollment: 20

Registration: Submit PSP Form 8-130 to PSP

Cost: None

Course Description: The course is designed to educate Pennsylvania Law Enforcement on best practice standards for death investigation and basic understanding of forensic pathology. The course provides the attendee with the knowledge needed to differentiate between Natural, Suicide, Accidental, and Homicide deaths. Additionally, the course identifies common issues at crime scenes, to include crime scene staging, evidence identification, and injuries. Through a working knowledge of legal requirements, injuries, decomposition and crime scene evidence, the law enforcement professional can identify evidence that will support a preliminary determination of cause and manner of death.

After completion, the student will be able to:

- Define a Non-Traffic Death.
- Describe the differences between a suicide, accidental, natural, and homicide death.
- Understand the stages of decomposition and how this effects crime scene evidence.
- Identify causation of injuries.
- Identify self-inflicted injuries verses those injuries inflicted by other means.
- Define crime scene staging.
- Identify a staged crime scene.

Additional Information: Students should come to class with a closed Non-Traffic Death Investigation report to discuss in class.

Course Completion Requirements: Attendance and successfully pass (75% or above) a 20-question written examination.

Audience: PSP Enlisted, MP, LEO

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