*Crime Scene Reconstruction – Beginning the Process*

This course was designed with both the newer and more seasoned forensics investigators in mind. The class is structured from a “generalist” CSI’s point of view and built on the foundation of work from individuals such as Locard, Heinrich and May. The class begins with a discussion of the various forensic disciplines which must be understood and embraced as well as the difference between the “Specialist” and “Generalist” mindsets as they apply to Crime Scene Reconstruction.

As participants delve deeper into the process, concepts such as Bias, Causation, Critical Thinking and Logic are discussed. These discussions lead to the development of a basic reconstructive foundation and students will utilize the scientific methodology as the vehicle for conducting their case reconstructions by examining actual case materials. Students will examine multiple cases to reinforce the numerous concepts and methodologies they must understand to conduct a complete reconstruction.

The class concludes with students conducting a basic Crime Scene Reconstruction of an assigned case. Students will work in groups using the information they learned in class and the provided case information to assemble a working theory of what may or may not have transpired in their cases. Students will be asked to present their groups conclusion(s) to the rest of the class.

This 4 hour block of instruction it not designed to make you an expert in Crime Scene Investigation, but to provide participants with a better understanding of the diverse nature and cooperative effort that many of these investigations take on.

Duration of Course: 4 Hours (Can be adjusted if needed)

Course Type: Workshop