

Basic Crime Scene Investigation

Topeka Police Department Nickell Armory 2722 SW Topeka Boulevard, Topeka, Kansas

Date: September 29th - October 3rd, 2025

Time: 0800 – 1700 / Tuesday: 1230 – 2130

Cost: \$695.00

The Topeka Police Department is hosting a 5-day course designed for police officers, detectives, and investigators who are tasked with documenting crime scenes as well as collecting, processing, and preserving items of evidence. The course is mixture of lectures & practical exercises.

Topics Covered: (Missouri CLEE (POST) Approved)

- Basic Crime Scene Photography & Composition
- Low-Light & Examination Quality Photography
- DNA, Trace, & Impression Evidence Recovery
- Crime Scene Sketching
- Bullet Impact Assessment
- Bloodstain Pattern Recognition

Preferred Course Materials:

- DSLR camera with detachable lens (18 55mm or similar)
- Off-camera external flash unit with sync cord
- Tripod
- Strong flashlight

George Santoro holds a Bachelor's of Criminal Justice and Masters of Forensic Science. Since 2010 he has participated in over 1000 investigations including property crimes, robberies, sexual assaults, suicide investigations, homicide investigations, and officer-involved shootings. He is certified through the International Association for Identification (IAI) as Senior Crime Scene Analyst and has held the titles of Investigator and Technical Leader. His current role is Supervisor within the Crime Scene Unit. He is a member of the IAI, the Association for Crime Scene Reconstruction, and the Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists. Since 2013 he has provided numerous trainings in both professional and collegiate settings regarding the documentation, recovery, processing, and preservation of forensic evidence.

