



**Ron Smith & Associates, Inc.**

**Course Title:**

RS&A Introduction to the Science of Friction Ridge Examination – Sarasota, FL

**Course Dates:**

February 25 – March 1, 2019

**Tuition Cost:**

\$600.00

**I.A.I. Approved Hours for Certification or Re-certification:**

40 Hours

**Course Location:**

Sarasota Police Department  
2099 Adams Lane  
Sarasota, FL 34237

**Course Instructor(s):**

Mike Campbell

**Course Description:**

The knowledge of how to evaluate, compare and identify friction skin is accomplished through many hours of training and experience that involves independent study and one on one mentoring by an expert. This course is designed to start that process through a series of lectures, practical exercises and drills that are specifically designed to increase the student's knowledge and foster confidence in the usefulness of the science and their ability to use it. Many different facets of friction skin examination will be explored and the challenges associated with the science will be discussed in detail. Each participant will understand the principles underlying the science and as a result, they should have a practical, functional knowledge of how to examine friction skin upon completion of the course. The course starts by teaching the "language" of friction skin examination and pattern recognition. Then the student will learn how to use all three "levels of detail" and apply ACE-V. methodology as the basis for the examination process.

**Target Audience:**

This course has been designed with many different groups in mind and is suited for law enforcement personnel and students who are new to forensics as well as law enforcement personnel and students who are already familiar with forensic identification matters including experienced 10 Print and Latent Print examiners who are already conducting examinations or are

being trained to do so. Because of the scope of material covered, this course is beneficial for all but the seasoned examiners and it can serve as an excellent introduction into the science for those of other disciplines, particularly crime scene personnel. Law enforcement personnel will be able to return to work and immediately use this training to continue their development as examiners. Students would be able to apply for jobs that require such training as a requirement. Other professionals involved in both the academic and judicial systems would also benefit as they would receive a broad overview of the science without having to put it to practical use.

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