



Ron Smith & Associates, Inc.

Course Title:

RS&A Latent Print Search and Comparison Techniques – Austin, TX

Course Dates:

04-08-2019 thru 04-12-2019

Tuition Cost:

\$600.00

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

40 Hours

Course Location:

Travis County Training Academy
3614 Bill Price Road
Austin, TX 78617
Parking lot is next to the building.

Course Instructor(s):

Jon Stimac, CLPE

Course Description:

This 40-hour intermediate-level course is designed to assist forensic science professionals who are presently comparing friction ridge evidence, yet feel they could increase their skills and knowledge through participation in a formalized course. Numerous practical exercises, supplemented by lectures and discussion are among the techniques used to enhance the students understanding of the identification methodology. From determining useful target areas, to the friction ridge characteristics used to individualize (Levels II and III), each step of this course will enable the student to effectively analyze, search, compare and evaluate developed friction ridge evidence.

The course focuses primarily on the use of several different practical exercises, each designed as a step-by-step process to increase the student's application of the identification methodology. In turn, this makes for a more efficient and accurate analyst. Additionally, this course complements the International Association for Identification's Friction Ridge Skin Identification Training Manual (supplementing the goal and objectives of the Supervised Comparison Training, Sections C, D, E, F & G).

The objective of this course is to provide each participant with an increased understanding of the friction ridge science with emphasis on locating, analyzing, searching, comparing and evaluating latent fingerprints. Phalange, crease, scar and palm print analysis and comparison will also be discussed

Target Audience:

This course is designed for the intermediate-level examiner/analyst; it is not designed as an introductory-level course. Examiners/analysts with some experience will benefit from both the course content and the many practical exercises that are part of this course. Attendees without any prior comparison experience or who are at a very basic-level of comparison experience should probably satisfy that level of training and experience prior to participating in this course. Students with active experience levels between six months and 20+ years have attended this course and benefited from the different difficulty levels of the exercises that are available to the participants.

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Class Link: http://www.ronsmithandassociates.com/pdf/Training_Class_PDFs/18151.pdf