



Texas Police Trainers LLC Intermediate Crime Scene Investigation (#2106)



Topics covered:

- Legal Aspects of a Crime Scene Search
- Preparing for a Crime Scene Investigation
- Investigating a Crime Scene
- Sketching and Photographing
- Fingerprinting
- Identification, Collection, and Preservation of Evidence
- DNA Evidence
- Specific Crime Scene Searches
- Simulated Crime Scene
- Computer and Other Electronic Evidence



Who should attend:

Texas Peace Officers desiring Intermediate Proficiency Certification.

About the Instructor: Cathleen Helstrom

Cathleen Helstrom was a licensed Peace Officer from 2002 to 2024 with Harris County Constable Pct 5 and then with Harris County Sheriff's Office for 22 years of experience, and a Jailer since 2005 with over 18 years of experience. She holds the Master Peace Officer Proficiency Certification and Basic Instructor Proficiency Certification.

Since being assigned to the Harris County Sheriff's Office Fire Safety Office in 2005, Cathleen had been involved in many areas of Emergency Management. During the 2006 Texas Incident Exercise Program Hurricane Evacuation and Sheltering Functional Exercise, Cathleen was assigned as the Safety Officer for Harris County. Also in 2006, Cathleen became a Certified Occupational Safety Specialist through OSHA. That same year she successfully completed the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education Instructor Development course. In 2009, Cathleen successfully completed the NPFA Fire Instructor I training conducted by the Harris County Fire Marshall's Office.

Cathleen also served as the Training Coordinator for the Fire Safety Office. In 2008, she conducted over 11,000 training hours for over 2000 personnel. She has developed numerous training and policy materials/manuals and created 6 different blocks of fire life safety training for the Harris County Sheriff's Office Detention Bureau. The Fire Safety Office is responsible for 24 facilities, the safety of over 10,000 inmates and 2000 civilian and Law Enforcement personnel.

In 2013, Cathleen was assigned to the Harris County Sheriff's Office's Crime Scene Unit, starting her career in forensic science and latent print examination. Over the next 10 years, CSI Helstrom attended approximately 800 hours of training in various areas of forensic science including but not limited to:

Forensic Photography I, Forensic Photography II, Basic Fingerprint Classification, Forensic Technician, Scene Video Techniques, Crime Scene Investigation, Processing Evidence of a Violent Crime, Practical Homicide Investigation, Courtroom Testimony, Investigating Sudden Death, Death Investigation, Fingerprint Identification, Blood Stain/Pattern Analysis I, Intermediate Latent Print Comparison, Palm Print Examination, Blood Stain/Pattern Analysis II, Officer Involved Shooting Investigation, Investigative Analysis and Crime Scene Reconstruction, Skeletal Death Investigation, Death Investigation, and Fingerprint Identification: Reliability and Accuracy.

As a member of the Harris County Sheriff's Office Crime Scene Unit, CSI Helstrom had been either lead investigator or assisting investigator on approximately 60-70 cases a year. These cases include, but not limited to, homicides, suicides, child/infant deaths, accidental deaths, aggravated assaults and officer involved shooting. Even with this heavy case load, Cathleen also taught several crime scene related classes, such as TCOLE #2106 Crime Scene Search, at the Harris County Sheriff's Office academy. Cathleen has volunteered her time at several different area High School, assisting with the Crime Scene programs that competed at the state level.

Cathy retired as a senior Crime Scene Investigator with the Harris County Sheriff's Office.

Course information:

Host Agency: Texas Department of Public Safety-Region II

Training Location: 12230 West Rd, Jersey Village, TX 77065

Course Date: August 12-16, 2024

Time: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Length of course: 40 hours (Training hours will be reported by CLEAT)

Cost per attendee: \$130.00

Attendees will need to bring to class: Laptop or tablet w/extension cord, flashlight and USB Drive (at least 32GB), a digital camera with an SD card to transfer pics to computer, and a fingerprint kit.

To register, [click here](#) or go to <https://texaspolice trainers.com/tpt-sponsored-training/intermediate-crime-scene-investigation-2106/> or give us a call at 512-766-0659 to pay by phone or to receive an invoice.

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