Jonathyn “Jon” Priest is a thirty-one year veteran of the Denver Police Department in Colorado. He has over twenty-seven years of experience investigating thousands of criminal incidents of violence as a detective, supervisor, and command officer. He is a Court recognized expert in Colorado District Courts and U.S. Federal Courts in bloodstain pattern interpretation, crime scene and shooting incident reconstruction, death investigation, and major case management. In addition to criminal testimony, he testifies and consults in civil cases in the area of death investigation and major case management. He has extensive background in the area of death investigation and officer-involved critical incident investigation. Jon developed the Denver Police Department’s investigation protocol and training curriculum in the area of death investigation, officer-involved critical incidents, and interview and interrogation. He also has a great deal of experience in the area of video documentation of criminal incidents. He trains law enforcement officers on a state and national level in these disciplines. He regularly consults with the District Attorney for the Second Judicial District as well as the Denver City Attorney in the area of criminal investigation.
Purpose:

This course provides the experienced detective or crime scene investigator with the skills necessary to analyze and reconstruct shooting incidents.

Students are taught to recognize and properly document the unique attributes of a shooting scene. Through a series of classes, laboratories and practical exercises, students will learn to interpret the dynamic relationship between the scene, evidence, and victim(s) injuries.

Methodology and techniques needed to properly analyze and reconstruct the scene are emphasized. Students will be able to apply these skills to determine position of shooter(s), victim(s), and critical evidence, and to determine sequence of events.

These skills may be employed during active investigations to determine the likely sequence of events, position of participants and to analyze victim, witness and shooter statements to determine veracity and develop investigative leads. Additionally a formal reconstruction may be developed as a basis for testimony during criminal or civil judicial proceedings.

About:

This 40 hour training program includes lecture, student centered learning activities, laboratories, practical exercises, and a final examination.

The evaluation of physical evidence associated with shooting scenes in an attempt to limit shooter and victim positions. This effort is an integral part of crime scene analysis, but due to the nuances involved, it is presented in a detailed one week course designed to take the student from novice to competent analyst and ultimately to expert status.

Topics:

- Firearms and Ammunition Design and Nomenclature
- Projectile Trajectories and Bullet Stability
- Wound Dynamics: Rifled Projectile Wounds
- Wound Dynamics: Shotgun Projectile Wounds
- Wound Dynamics Laboratory
- Computation of Projectile Trajectories
- Computation of Projectile Trajectory Laboratory
- Unusual Surfaces and Ricochet Laboratory
- The Scientific Method
- Scientific Method as it Applies to Experiment Design
- Reconstruction Analysis Methodology
- Original Experimentation Laboratory
- Shooting Incident Reconstruction Practical Exercise

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