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Courses are presented in partnership with the International Association for Identification.

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To ensure we can accommodate persons with special needs who wish to attend our courses, please be sure to identify the accommodation needed when you register, or if applicable, at the time you register by phone.

#### Host a course

By hosting one of our courses, you will be providing your agency's personnel and the forensic professionals in your area with a high-quality training opportunity, right in your local area. This means less cost to you or your agency for expenses such as travel, lodging, and meals, and less time away from home and family. Plus, hosts can qualify for tuition savings. For more information, visit [tritechtraining.com](http://tritechtraining.com).



# Serial Number Restoration

**Instructors: Peter Striupaitis, MS -  
Firearm/Toolmark Examiner**

**November 18 - 19, 2019**

**Tuition: \$465 | Hours: 8 am - 5 pm**

#### Location:

**Santa Ana Police Department  
Forensic Services Section/Crime Scene Unit  
60 Civic Center Plaza | Santa Ana, CA 92702**



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## ABOUT TRITECH

A leader in the forensics market, Tri-Tech Forensics provides evidence collection and crime scene investigation products and training to crime labs and crime scene investigators throughout the world. With over 30 years of experience, we are the nation's most proficient developer and manufacturer of forensic kits. We are committed to providing our customers with state-of-the-art forensics products and services at affordable prices. It is our goal, through our research and development program, to continue to develop superior products and training to aid in all aspects of crime scene investigation and crime lab analysis. We know how important our products and training are to the forensics community, from investigation to prosecution. Our mission is the same as our customers – *Identify. Protect. Preserve.*

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

# Serial Number Restoration

This two-day, course will consist of lecture, demonstrations and hands-on use of methods/techniques used to restore/recover serial numbers (SN) from firearms that have been obliterated and submitted to the forensic laboratory and/or police agency.

This course will consist of the following:

- Lectures, Safety Procedures and Materials/ Equipment (PPE) Needed for SN Restorations (1/2 day)

The remaining time will consist of the following:

- Note -Taking of Items Submitted
- Preparation of Surface Area Obliterated
- Acid Etchants Used/MSDS Sheets/Labeling of Containers

- Other Methods Used for Restoration
- Types of Metals Encountered
- Report Writing
- Tracing Report Forms for Restored SN

Each attendee will be issued a Tri-Tech Firearms Serial Restoration Kit. This kit, with a value of \$175, will be maintained by the student upon completion of the course. Techniques instructed in the course can be used to restore obliterated serial numbers on magnetic, non-magnetic and aluminum firearms.

Upon completion of this course, the attendees will have gained a fundamental foundation and knowledge of what is necessary to restore/retrieve obliterated serial numbers from firearms (and other metal objects) that are submitted to the forensic laboratory.

## COURSE INSTRUCTOR

### Peter Striupaitis, MS - Firearm/Toolmark Examiner

Peter Striupaitis is Firearm/Tool Mark Examiner, Trainer/Educator and Forensic Consultant. He has been employed and worked in the field of Firearm and Toolmark Identification for over 30 years.

Peter currently works with the Northeastern Illinois Regional Crime Laboratory, Vernon Hills, IL, (since 2006) as a Firearm Examiner/Training Coordinator. He is retired from the Illinois State Police, Forensic Sciences Command, where he performed various duties from 1980 to 2003. He was also a trainer/examiner for the South Bend, IN Police Department from 2003-2006. He, thus far, has trained seventeen individuals in firearm identification.

Peter was an Adjunct Instructor at the MS in Forensic Science Program at the University of Illinois at Chicago from 1993-2003, and an Adjunct Professor at Roosevelt University, Chicago, IL from 2009-2010. He has conducted a voluminous number of training/classes for many law enforcement agencies, to include the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives – National Firearms Examiner Academy (from 1999-present) and has lectured and given forensic science presentations to many universities, colleges, junior colleges and civic organizations.

Peter has written and published several articles in firearm and toolmark identification. He had the special opportunity to give a pivotal, presentation in firearm/toolmark identification at the National Academy of Sciences (NAS), Washington, DC, in April of 2007. He has received several awards and commendations for his casework and service.

Peter has been a Life Active Member of the IAI and remains active in the Association. He is also a member of Illinois Division of the IAI and is a member of several other forensic science organizations. He is a past president of Association of Firearm Tool Mark Examiners (1999-2000) and currently is a member of the SWGGUN (Scientific Working Group for Firearm and Toolmark Identification).