



# Northwest Illinois Criminal Justice Commission

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## 40 Hour - Crime Scene Investigator 1

**DATE:** March 2-6, 2026

**Registration Ends:** February 19, 2026

**TIME:** 8:00 AM—5:00 PM      40 Hours

**LOCATION:** Sycamore Police Department, 535 Dekalb Ave., Sycamore, IL

**INSTRUCTOR:** Heather Hansen & Chris Collins

**PURPOSE OF COURSE:** This five-day, 40-hour program has been designed by Blue Line Training and Development Inc., along with expert practitioners in the field of evidence identification and collection. The purpose of this course is to educate Officers, Homicide Investigators, Detectives, Crime Scene Investigators (CSIs), members of Major Crime Task Forces and Evidence Technicians in the art and science of crime scene investigation as it relates to collection, identification, and preservation of evidence to be submitted to a forensic science laboratory for analysis.

**COURSE OVERVIEW:** This program is designed for Officers, Homicide Investigators, Detectives, Crime Scene Investigators, Members of Major Crime Task Forces and Evidence Technicians. The course will introduce them to various evidence collection, identification, and preservation techniques. The impact of these techniques upon specific criminal investigative disciplines will also be discussed. Course topics include the following:

- Crime scene management and the 7 step crime scene process
- Crime scene photography
- Crime scene sketching, diagramming, and animation
- Forensic Laboratory Sections/Disciplines
- Evidence recognition, handling, packaging, and submission
- Firearm/ballistic evidence, IBIS and NIBIN technology
- Trace and toolmark evidence
- Footwear/tire track castings
- Latent fingerprints and AFIS technology
- Biological evidence/DNA and CODIS technology.
- Search warrants and consent to search
- Advances in evidence technology
- Report-writing
- Scenario Based Training and Tabletop Exercises.
- 5 Practical Scene Assessments - Vehicle Scene, Burglary Scene, Shooting/Ballistics Scene, Photography Practical and Crime Scene with a victim body.

**COURSE GOALS:** This program will provide students with the following skills:

- Demonstrate the basic use of their department's 35 mm and digital cameras.
- Recover latent fingerprints, footwear impressions, and tire track impressions from crime scenes.



- Process a recovered stolen vehicle and document the evidence recovered through photographs.
- Demonstrate through a variety of practical exercises how to write reports, package a variety of types of evidence, and explain what the lab capabilities are in relation to the types of evidence collected.
- Demonstrate the use of Mikrosil on tool marks and impression evidence.
- Identify the forensic specialty that will analyze the evidence collected at a scene.
- Proficiently photograph a burglary scene using four different ranges that depict the location of specific evidence at the scene.
- Determine the need for and limitations of search warrants and consents to search.
- Perform presumptive field tests used to determine the presence of blood.
- Complete the 7 steps of processing a crime scene, from beginning to end on a shooting scene.
- Complete the 7 steps of processing a crime scene, from beginning to end on a crime scene with a victim body and multiple disciplines of evidence.
- Complete swabbing of firearms and multiple stains for Biology and DNA evidence.

**This course has been certified by the ILETSB and approved to meet the following mandates:**

- Civil Rights - 1.0 hour.
- Const. Use of LE Authority – 3.0 hours.
- Legal Updates - 1.0 hour.
- Officer Wellness/Mental Health – 1 hour.
- Procedural Justice – 2.5 hours.
- Law Concerning Stops, Searches, and The Use of Force – 1.0 hour / .5 hours scenario based.
- Officer Safety Techniques, Including Cover, Concealment, and Time – 2.0 hours / 1 hour scenario based.
- Lead Homicide Investigator – 40 hours.

Partial funding provided by Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board and MTU#1's request for certification of this course has been approved by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board

**REGISTRATION:**

All registrations are received on the [MTU#1 website](#). Find Registration instructions [here](#)

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