



CSI Case Law

Course Outline

Blue to Gold Law Enforcement Training
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learners

In-service training for certified law enforcement, including patrol, investigations, specialty units, and administration

length of instruction

8 Hours

The Crime Scene Investigator Course is for all sworn and non-sworn members who process crime scenes. This topic is vital because many times the evidence retrieved from the scene provides the crucial link when trying to connect the suspect to the crime. This course will help you get it right every time.

Course Introduction – 10 minutes

- 1) Instructor introduction.
- 2) Explain the course objective.
 - a) Understand how the Fourth Amendment impacts how you can investigate a crime.
 - b) Recognize the unique factors in each case and how they apply to the Fourth Amendment.
 - c) Understand the legal definition of Plain View/Feel and Qualified Immunity.
- 3) Encourage attendees to ask questions and share feedback with other attendees.
- 4) Explain that certificates will be emailed after the class and each student will be registered in the Blue to Gold University.
- 5) Go over the three disclaimers:
 - a) Laws and agency standard operating procedures may be more restrictive. Blue to Gold teaches the federal standard unless otherwise stated. Therefore, students must know their state and local requirements in addition to the federal standard.
 - b) If students have any doubts about their actions, ask a supervisor or legal advisor.
 - c) The course is not legal advice, but legal education. Therefore, nothing we teach should be interpreted as legal advice. Check with your agency's legal advisor for legal advice.

Module One: Case Law Basics – 60 Minutes

- 1) The Fourth Amendment
- 2) People
- 3) Curtilage
- 4) Standing
- 5) Abandoned Property

Module Two: Crime Scenes – 380 Minutes

- 1) Processing Crime Scenes
- 2) Crime Scenes – Consent (implied or expressed), Exigency, or Search Warrant.
- 3) Freezing Homes
 - a) Prohibiting Entry
 - b) Maintain Status Quo
 - c) Entry and Exclude
 - d) Particularity Issues
 - e) Unattended Death
 - f) Arson Investigations
 - g) Plain View Seizure

Module Three: Witnesses – 15 Minutes

- 1) Can you Compel a Victim to Testify?
- 2) Material Witnesses

Module Four: Qualified Immunity – 15 Minutes

- 1) Review of Nicohlason v. Gutierrez

Takeaways

*****End of Class*****