

Council Bluffs Police Department



SHOOTING RECONSTRUCTION TRAINING

October 7-11, 2019 / 0800-1700 hours

Instructor: Carl Bessman (Firearms Examiner/Iowa Department of Criminal Investigations Retired)

Tuition: \$350

Class Size: 12 student maximum

Location: Council Bluffs Police Southwest Iowa Law Enforcement Training Center
10073 192nd Street Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503

Equipment Needed: DSLR Camera, External Flash, TTL cord, SD card, Tripod, (can be shared by two people from the same agency)

The first portion of the class will address how to recognize, document, collect, and preserve evidence from firearms, ammunition, fired ammunition components, gunshot residues, and wounds/impact sites at the scene of a shooting incident. In addition to the presentation and discussion, the participants will be handling and examining items of evidence to observe and document information that can provide investigative leads to detectives and confirm or refute witness/victim/suspect statements regarding a shooting incident.

The second portion of the class will address how to preform and document a shooting reconstruction under a variety of conditions and in regard to a number of substrates, such as walls, flooring, carpeted floors, clothing and vehicles. Following the presentations and discussion the participants will be using rods, strings and lasers to determine angles of impact, approximate distances and possibly the order of the shots fired during the shooting incident. The information gathered from the shooting reconstruction can be used to: 1) establish the who, what, where, when, and how of the shooting, 2) to verify or refute witness/victim/suspect statements, and 3) to establish limitations on what is probable versus what is physically impossible.

*Participants are encouraged to bring the crime scene equipment and cameras they work with at their departments. *Dress will be casual, this is a practical course and participants will be expected to get their hands and clothes dirty.

To register, contact Crime Lab Manager Katie Pattee at:
(712) 890-5236 or kmpattee@councilbluffs-ia.gov

***Lunch will be on your own

**Lodging information available upon request