

May 5, 2011

Judge Gary Janssen
3114 Rosenberg St.
Needville, Texas 77461

Dear Judge Janssen:

I would like to attend the Masters Conference for Advance Death Investigation. This seminar is not offered in the state of Texas, therefore I will need to travel to St. Louis, Missouri. The purpose of this course is train individuals to fill a critical role in medicolegal offices and to maintain a professional competency on an advanced level. This conference is designed to provide trained medicolegal death investigators with the latest advancements in the forensic sciences. At the conclusion of the seminar, I will be assessed as to the knowledge gained.

Over 25 years ago, the Division of Forensic and Environmental Pathology of Saint Louis University School of Medicine recognized the need to train and develop medicolegal death investigator professionals. This four (4) day program has become the major training ground for lay death investigators since 1978. This course is accredited by 15 professional organizations including NAME (National Association of Medical Examiners) and ABMDI (American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators). This conference is only conducted every two years, to provide a class for those who wish to keep current on issues in the field of death investigation. The topics change in each Masters Conference to reflect new information developing at that time. This specific program will not be repeated again at any future Masters Conference.

This training is equally valuable to police officers, physicians, nurses, emergency medical personnel, attorneys, forensic scientists and others who are involved with the investigation of violent, suspicious, or unexpected deaths that fall under the jurisdiction of medicolegal authorities.

Your approval will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Gates

Masters 14 Registration Form:

Name Gates Carolyn L. Degree _____
Last First Initial

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Employer Fort Bend County

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Shirt Size: S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2X ___ 3X ☒ 4X ___

Type of Pre-registration requested:

Conference WITH daily lunches provided \$775

Conference WITHOUT lunch \$725

One day registration (Specify day _____)** \$225

Group rate* WITH daily lunches provided \$725

Group rate** WITHOUT lunches \$675

Continuing Education Fee \$ 40

*If more than two individuals attend from the same office and register at the same time

**WITHOUT lunch

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Registrations will not be accepted without at least the \$100 deposit fee which may be paid by personal check, money order, or purchase order made payable to **Forensic Pathology**. The balance of the fee is due by June 24, 2011. All fees must be paid in US dollars. MasterCard and Visa credit card payment is accepted.

Credit Card No. _____

Expiration date _____

Registration confirmation will be sent by return email. Pre-registration is required and early registration is recommended.

Return this form to:

Julie Howe or Vickey Goelzhauser

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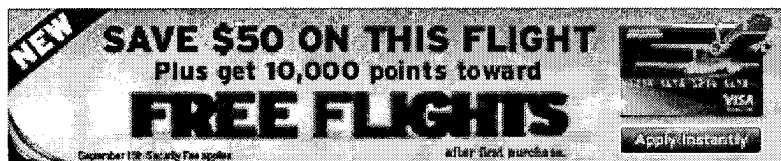
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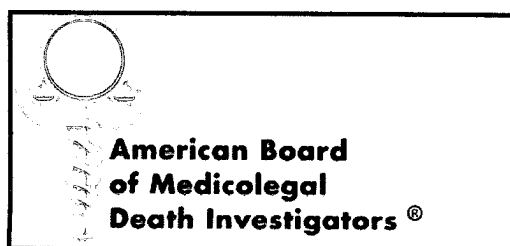
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Master's 14 Schedule

The Masters 14 Conference will be held **July 25 - 28, 2011.**

Monday, July 25, 2011

Registration	7:15 - 8:15 am	Main Lobby	
Mary E. Case, MD	Opening Remarks	8:30 - 9:15 am	LRC Auditoriums
Stephen Cina, MD	Management of High Profile Fatality Cases	9:15 - 10:30 am	
<i>Break</i>	10:30 - 10:45 am		
Frank DePaolo, RPA-C	Lessons Learned in Mass Fatality Management	10:45 am - 12:00 noon	
<i>Lunch</i>	12:00 - 1:00 pm		
Robert Gaffney, MFS	Crime Scene Methodology on the Battlefield	1:00 - 2:15 pm	
<i>Break</i>	2:15 - 2:30 pm		
Cindy Zastrow, MS	OSHA Death Investigations: Occupational Fatalities and Catastrophes	2:30 - 3:45 pm	
Questions	3:45 - 4:00 pm		

Tuesday, July 26, 2011

Registration	7:30 - 9:00 am	Main Lobby	
Announcements	9:00 - 9:15 a.m.	LRC Auditoriums	
Det. Chief Inspector Philip Wheeler	Lessons Learned from Ten Years as a National Police Advisor on Shaken Baby Cases in the UK	9:15 - 10:30 am	
<i>Break</i>	10:30 - 10:45 am		
Robert Block, MD	Controversies on Abusive Head Trauma: Equalizing Fools and Wise Men	10:45 am - 12 noon	
<i>Lunch</i>	12:00 - 1:00 pm		
Brian Holmgren, DA	Critical Issues in the Investigation & Prosecution of Serious Physical Abuse and Child Homicide Cases	1:00 - 2:15 pm	

<i>Break</i>	2:15 - 2:30 pm	
Lt. Mark Wynn	Making the Law Keep It's Promise	2:30 - 3:45 pm
Questions	3:45 - 4:00 pm	

Wednesday, July 27, 2011

Registration	7:30 - 9:00 am	Main Lobby
Announcements	9:00 - 9:15 a.m.	LRC Auditoriums
James Caruso, MD	The Medicolegal Investigation of Recreational Diving Deaths	9:15 - 10:30 am
<i>Break</i>	10:30 - 10:45 am	
Emma Lew, MD	Miami Death Scene Investigation	10:45 am - 12 noon

<i>Lunch</i>	12:00 - 1:00 pm	
Elizabeth Brondolo, PhD	The Medical Examiner and Coroner Work Stress and Health Study: Preliminary Findings and Implications for Practice	1:00 - 2:15 pm

<i>Break</i>	2:15 - 2:30 pm	
John Trestrail, III, RPh	Murder by Poisons	2:30 - 3:45 pm
Questions	3:45 - 4:00 pm	

Thursday, July 28, 2011

Registration	7:30 - 9:00 am	Main Lobby
John Trestrail, III, RPh	Murder by Poisons	9:15 - 10:30 am LRC Auditoriums
<i>Break</i>	10:30 - 10:45 am	
James Filkins, MD, JD, PhD	Heroin: A New Look At An Old Drug of Abuse	10:45 - 12:00 pm
<i>Lunch</i>	12:00 - 1:00 pm	
Angali Swienton, JD	Testifying in Court: What to Expect in Light of the NAS Report	1:00 - 2:15 pm
<i>Break</i>	2:15 - 2:30 pm	
Vernon Geberth, MS, MPA	Determining the Manner of Death in Equivocal Death Investigations: Homicide, Suicide, Accident or Natural	2:30 - 3:45 pm

Closing Remarks 3:45 - 4:00 pm

Optional: 4:00 - 4:30 pm
ABMDI/SOMDI

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More than 25 years ago, the Division of Forensic and Environmental Pathology of Saint Louis University School of Medicine recognized the need to train and develop medicolegal death investigator professionals. More than 75 Medicolegal Death Investigator Training courses have been conducted since the course's inception in 1978. Offered three times each year, this five (5) day program teaches individuals how to conduct scientific, systematic and thorough death scene and telephone investigations for Medical Examiner and Coroner offices. This training is equally valuable to police officers, physicians, nurses, emergency medical personnel, attorneys, forensic scientists and others who are involved with the investigation of violent, suspicious or unexpected deaths that fall under the jurisdiction of medicolegal authorities.

The purpose of this course is to train individuals to fill a critical role in medicolegal offices. With the training program offered at Saint Louis University, medicolegal death investigators learn to develop the essential facts regarding the death scene, medical history and other information that assists the Medical Examiner/Coroner in the determination of a person's cause and manner of death. The course is designed to teach the 29 national guidelines as set forth in the National Institutes of Justice 1999 publication, *Death Investigation: A Guide for the Scene Investigator*. The investigator will then be instructed in the proper way to disseminate the information to forensic scientists and law enforcement personnel so that a coordinated, efficient and complete death investigation can be achieved. At the conclusion of the course, students will be assessed as to knowledge gained.

Lectures will be presented by forensic specialists on all major categories of deaths that occur in medicolegal jurisdictions with particular emphasis placed on the investigator's role in the death investigation. Basic death scene investigation techniques are stressed and investigative procedures will be thoroughly discussed. The lectures assist the investigator to understand the importance and value of scene and body evidence. This course emphasizes the medical aspects of death investigation and is not designed to be a homicide seminar.

The following lectures are taught at every course:

- **Are you SURE it is a Natural Death?** (Mary Fran Ernst)
- **Asphyxial Deaths** (Dr. Mike Graham)
- **Blood Spatter Interpretation** (Erik Hall)
- **Blunt Trauma Fatalities** (Dr. Mary Case)
- **Capability of a Crime Laboratory** (Erik Hall)
- **Child Death Investigation** (Kathleen Diebold)
- **Child Maltreatment** (Dr. Mary Case)
- **Courtroom Techniques** (Judge Pat Clifford)
- **Cutting & Stabbing Fatalities** (Dr. Phil Burch)
- **Death Investigation Laws** (Julie Howe)
- **Death Scene Investigation** (Mary Fran Ernst)
- **Deaths in Police Custody** (Dr. Mike Graham)
- **Estimation of Time of Death** (Dr. Phil Burch)
- **Explosion-related Deaths** (Dr. Mike Graham)
- **Fatal Head Trauma** (Dr. Mary Case)
- **Fire Deaths** (Mary Fran Ernst)
- **Forensic Anthropology** (Mark Johnsey)
- **Forensic Entomology** (Julie Howe)
- **Forensic Odontology** (Drs. Jim McGivney and Aaron Oge)
- **Forensic Toxicology** (Dr. Chris Long)
- **Gunshot Wound Fatalities** (Dr. Mike Graham)
- **Identification Techniques** (Julie Howe)
- **It's YOUR Investigation—It's YOUR Report!** (Terrance Ledbetter)
- **Mass Casualty Incidents** (Terrance Ledbetter)
- **Motor Vehicle Fatalities and Electrocution** (Dr. Kamal Sabharwal)
- **Notification of Next of Kin** (Fr. Tim Toohey)
- **Organ/Tissue Procurement** (Julie Howe)
- **Role of the Crime Scene Investigator** (Lt. Kevin Lawson)
- **Role of the Homicide Detective** (Detective Trent Van Buren)
- **Role of the Investigator** (Mary Fran Ernst)
- **Role of the Medical Examiner/Coroner** (Dr. Mike Graham)
- **Serial Murder Investigation** (Terrance Ledbetter)
- **Sudden Infant Death Syndrome** (Dr. Marianna Sandomirsky)
- **Sudden, Unexpected Deaths** (Dr. Kamal Sabharwal)
- **Why, Suicide?** (Dr. Dick Wetzel)

An **additional fee of \$40** will be charged to those persons requesting continuing education credit to cover administrative costs.

Academy of Professional Funeral Service Education

has accredited this course for 3.6 CEUs in Category A.

American Academy of Family Physicians

This program has been reviewed and is acceptable for 33.25 prescribed hours by the AAFP.

American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators

has accredited this course for a maximum of 33 hours of continuing education credit for registered medicolegal death investigators. S/he should claim only those hours of credit that were actually spent in this educational activity. This course does meet the educational eligibility requirement for an applicant applying for Registry Certification.

American College of Emergency Physicians

Approved by the American College of Emergency Physicians for 33 hours of ACEP Category 1 credit.

ACCREDITATION:

Saint Louis University School of Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION:

Saint Louis University School of Medicine designates this educational activity for a maximum of 33 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Saint Louis University School of Medicine will review this activity's disclosures and resolve all identified conflicts of interest, if applicable.

American Nurses Association

Continuing Education for Nurses:

Saint Louis University School of Nursing is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Missouri Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. Missouri Nurses Association provider # 112-VII

This course is accredited for 38.1 contact hours.

Continuing Legal Education Credits

This course is accredited by the Missouri Bar Association and has designated this activity for 36.4 hours of Continuing Legal Education credit, included in this total is 1.0 hour of Ethics credit.

Georgia and Illinois Training & Standards Boards

have approved this course for 33 continuing education hours.

Georgia Coroner's Training Council

has approved this course for 24 continuing education hours.

Illinois Local Government and Law Enforcement Agency

has accredited this course for 33 hours of continuing education credit. ILG&LEA grants this credit on an individual basis.

Indiana Law Enforcement Board

has accredited this course for 39.5 hours of continuing education for officers and support personnel. *Training Provider # 43-0654872.*

Missouri Bureau of Emergency Medicine

This program has been reviewed and accredited by the Training Section of the Missouri Bureau of Emergency Medical Services for 3 continuing education credits awarded in Category 1-B.

Missouri Coroners and Medical Examiners Assoc.

The Training Commission of the Missouri Coroners and Medical Examiners Association has accredited this course and designated the course content for 33 credit hours. *(Missouri Coroners Only: Special arrangements have been made with your organization to allow this course to be taken over a four year period to fulfill state training requirements.)*

Missouri P.O.S.T. Program

Saint Louis University School of Medicine has been designated as an approved provider for 30.5 continuing education credit hours for the Missouri Peace Officers Standards and Training Program. The breakdown is:

Technical Studies--26.0

Interpersonal Perspectives--2.0

Legal Studies--2.5

Pennsylvania Coroners

This course has been approved for eight (8) hours of continuing education by the Pennsylvania Coroner's Education Board under the provision of Act 22 of 1988.