

Pattern Evidence Training Announcement

NIJ Cooperative Agreement Award #2007-IJ-CX-K233

Footwear/Tire Track Examiner Training Program

Offered to Selected Applicants

In partnership with the [National Institute of Justice](#) (NIJ), the [National Forensic Science Technology Center](#) (NFSTC) is pleased to announce that Footwear/Tire Track Examiner Training will be provided at no cost to eligible applicants under NIJ Cooperative Agreement Award (#2007-IJ-CX-K233).

The training program is designed to lead a cohort group of entry level footwear/tire track examiner trainees through sequential course offerings in preparation for taking the [International Association for Identification](#) (IAI) certification examination. The Footwear/Tire Track Examiner Training Program consists of four courses: three onsite instructional sessions at the NFSTC training facilities in Largo, FL and one session in Iowa, which will include tours of footwear and tire factories. Completion of online course work and practical exercises will be required between onsite course trainings.

The training is scheduled to begin October 2008 and conclude June 2009.

| Footwear/Tire Track Examiner Training Schedule | | |
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| | Delivery Date | Course |
| | 2008 | |
| 1 | Oct 20-24 | Collection, Documentation and Preservation of Footwear and Tire Track Impression Evidence |
| 2 | Oct 27-30 | Comparison Techniques for Footwear Impressions |
| | 2009 | |
| 3 | Apr 20-24 | Comparison Techniques for Tire Track Impressions |
| 4 | June 15-18 | Advanced Examinations and Comparison of Footwear and Tire Track Evidence |

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for participation in this training program, applicants must:

- Work for a U.S. publicly funded State or local agency as a professional practitioner in law enforcement or forensic services
- Possess the visual acuity to examine small details under magnification
- Possess a reasonable level of skill in English, arithmetic, computer keyboarding, and word processing
- Have steel-toed shoes for the required program factory tours
- Have access to the following resources at home or agency for the duration of the Footwear/Tire Track Examiner Training Program:
 - Computer with Internet access (*Note*: computers will be provided for onsite training classes)
 - Software: word processing (preferably MS Word), Excel, and MS Access

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- Photoshop CS3 software (*Note: CS3 will be provided for onsite training classes*)
- Digital camera: 5MB or larger with detachable flash, minimum 6 foot cord, and lens (minimum 55mm)
- Tripod
- Scanner: must accommodate 11 x 14 size documents
- Printer: photo quality; must accommodate 11 x 14 size documents
- 4x power magnifier

Applicants selected to attend the program will be required to:

- Obtain agency approval and provide documentation to the NFSTC (approval form will be provided).
- Successfully complete visual acuity and form blindness tests (tests will be provided)
- Provide written verification that all eligibility requirements are met (verification form will be provided)

Application Process

Applications will be accepted through July 14, 2008, 11:59 PM EST.

Submit application forms by fax to:

NFSTC: Attention Rose Sacchetti
727-549-6070 (Fax)

Applicants will be selected based upon diversity in:

- Profession
- Unit of government (State, local, and tribal)
- Geography

Expenses

Participants in the training program will be provided:

- Travel and lodging expenses
 - NFSTC will book and fund travel, lodging, and daily transportation between training facility and lodging
 - Travel by personally owned vehicle (POV) is permitted (if point of origin is within 200 miles of the meeting location) and will be reimbursed at the GSA rate.
- Per diem reimbursement for meals and travel-related ground transportation (taxi, shuttle, parking, mileage)
- Course textbooks

Notification of Selected Trainees: July 21, 2008