

Pattern Evidence Training Announcement

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

Latent Print 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 Latent Print Training will be provided at no cost to eligible applicants under Cooperative Agreement Award (#2007-IJ-CX-K233).

The training program will lead a cohort of entry level latent print examiner trainees through a series of course offerings designed to prepare participants for taking the [International Association for Identification](#) (IAI) certification examination. The Latent Print Examiner Training Program consists of 12 courses given in 6 two-week instructional sessions at the NFSTC training facilities in Largo, FL. Participants will be required to complete online course work and practical exercises between onsite course trainings.

The training is scheduled to begin in September 2008 and conclude July 2009.

Latent Print Examiner Training Schedule		
	Delivery Date	Course
2008		
1	Sept 15-19	Introduction to the Science of Friction Ridge Classification and Individualization
2	Sept 22-26	Essential Ridgeology Concepts
3	Nov 10-12	Automation in Friction Ridge Examination & Collection of the "Known Standards"
4	Nov 13-14	Introduction to Courtroom Testimony Techniques
5	Nov 17-21	Latent Print Development Techniques
2009		
6	Jan 5-9	Fundamentals of Latent Print Examination
7	Jan 13-16	Digital Imaging Concepts for Latent Print Examination
8	Mar 11-13	Palm Print Comparison Techniques
9	Mar 16-20	Current Issues in the Science of Friction Ridge Individualization
10	May 4 -8	Advanced Ridgeology Concepts
11	May 11-15	Complex Latent Print Examinations & IAI Certification Preparation
12	Jul 13-17	Latent Print Expert Witness Testimony/Moot Court

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

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- Have access to the following resources at home or agency for the duration of the Latent Print Examiner Training Program:
 - Computer with Internet access (*Note:* computers will be provided for onsite training classes)
 - Software: word processing (preferably MS Word) and Excel
 - 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
 - Printer: photo quality
 - 4x power magnifier
 - Ridge counter

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.

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- Per diem reimbursement for meals and travel-related ground transportation (taxi, shuttle, parking, mileage)
- Course textbooks

Notification of Selected Trainees: July 21, 2008