



Office of Juvenile Justice and
Delinquency Prevention



CHILD FATALITY INVESTIGATIONS

Time	Event
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Monday

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

**Welcome
Announcements
Introduction of Participants**

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Overview of Fatal Child Abuse and Neglect

This module will provide the participants with an overview of fatal child abuse and neglect. This will include a review of current statistics and the reasons why true prevalence of fatal maltreatment is probably underestimated. The differences between fatal maltreatment and typical homicides will be discussed. The most common type of fatal child abuse and fatal neglect cases will be illustrated using case examples.

12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.

Lunch

1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The Crime Scene and Forensic Evidence

This module centers around the crime scene investigation, including scene security, crime scene search, photography, identification, documentation and collection of all evidence. The latest forensic technologies will be highlighted and demonstrated. Several actual cases will be examined, both solved and unsolved to give the attendees the sense of walking into the crime scene to determine what should be identified, documented and collected. Chain of custody will be stressed.

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Tuesday

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Medical Aspects

This module will present a comprehensive overview of the medical aspects of child fatalities, including intentional, non-intentional and questionable causes. It will begin with an explanation of pediatric injuries and how they differ significantly from those of adults. It will cover in-depth pediatric trauma and burn injuries, failure to thrive, Munchausen’s Syndrome by proxy (pediatric factitious disorder), conditions mistaken for abuse, and common and uncommon abusive and neglectful causes of child fatalities. It will include the evaluation of the history of the injuries and an understanding of the expertise of the physicians treating the child. It will assist participants by giving them an understanding of the important medical information to use in their evaluation of child fatalities.

12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch

1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Pediatric Milestones, Death Certification, and the Pediatric Forensic Autopsy

The participant will be provided with information on pediatric milestones, death certification and how it applies to child fatalities, and the forensic autopsy. The first section will introduce the stages of cognitive and motor development of an infant (from birth to one year), and emphasize how this information can be applied to scene investigation and witness interviews. This is followed by a discussion of the differences between the medical examiner and coroner, and explains the process of death certification. Finally, the topics of the SUIDI “Top 25” and the merits of doll reenactment in scene investigation are discussed. Following the break, the second section examines the forensic autopsy and the findings associated with child fatalities. Topics of this section include postmortem changes, “shaken baby syndrome,” blunt force trauma including craniocerebral trauma, asphyxial deaths, SIDS, neglect, and autopsy artifacts.

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Wednesday

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Investigating Child Fatalities

This module will provide the participants with the recognition of investigative techniques required to determine if the death was non-accidental. This will also include information that assists the child fatality investigator with identifying who was responsible for the death, what was, in fact, the cause and manner and how one may prove or disprove this information during the course of the child fatality investigation. The importance of investigative timelines and suspect development will also be discussed.

12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.

Lunch

1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Continuation of Investigating Child Fatalities

Thursday

8:00 a.m. –12:00 noon

Suspect Interrogation Techniques

This module covers the interrogation from the beginning through the full confession. Participants will be shown the importance of developing an interrogation strategy through an in-depth understanding of the case information, interrogation process, stages of the suspect confession, and anatomy of a lie. Participants will learn how to move the suspect past their lies to the truth through theme development and delivery.

12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.

Lunch

1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Legal Considerations

This module will provide participants with a comprehensive overview of legal issues involving investigative techniques that impact evidentiary considerations at trial, relevant search and seizure cases, legal issues regarding state of mind issues, admissibility of evidence nexus to investigative tactics, demonstrative evidence considerations, and elements of effective trial advocacy in child homicide cases, with emphasis on effectively testifying before the jury. Liability issues will be addressed and tactics and strategies to avoid civil exposure, suppression of evidence in a criminal case, and other attendant issues will be explored. Issues such as entrapment, chain of custody, best evidence, affidavits in search warrant applications, telephonic search warrants, interception of various types of communications, consent searches, knock and talks, and various forms of technological evidence acquisition will be considered.

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Friday

8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Resources from Training, Case Studies and Community Collaborations

This module presents a clear and concise opportunity for the participant to exercise their ability to organize information and develop investigative leads, utilizing information provided by other instructors throughout the week. A case study will demonstrate system failures and opportunities for improvement, highlighting the defined roles of community agencies in a child abuse and fatality investigation. Further training opportunities will be explored. Participants will be left with a challenge to explore reporting and prevention efforts in their own communities which are centered in interagency collaboration.

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

**Evaluations
Closing**

In order to receive the attendance certificate, participants are expected to participate in all sections. Any exceptions to this policy must be approved by the Fox Valley Technical College representative on site.

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