



**SPECTOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE
TRAINING NETWORK, INC.**

THE DO'S AND DON'TS OF DEATH INVESTIGATION FOR DETECTIVES AND FIRST RESPONDERS

**This two-day program is an expanded version of the
one-day course taught by Marisa Edelberg*

Host: Norwich Police Department

Dates: 10.15.26 - 10.16.26

Price: \$249.00

SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON EQUIVOCAL DEATHS

- Anatomy of a Drug Overdose - Trends and Red Flags
- Asphyxia and Smothering-Analyzing the scene
- Determining the Manner of Death in a Drowning
- When are Falls NOT Accidents
- Baby Deaths-Reenactments in Co Sleeping
- Sudden Unexplained Deaths in Babies and Children & Homicides
- Homicide by Neglect
- Officer Involved Shootings
- Autoerotic Deaths
- Mass Casualties
- COVID and Public Health Deaths

★ *This was my third time taking this class and I still learned from it.*

Providing Quality Training For Those Who Protect Since 1974

DEATH INVESTIGATION:

THE DO'S AND DON'TS OF HOMICIDES, SUICIDES, AND ACCIDENTS

DAY 1

Drug Deaths: Examine current trends in drugs in the United States.

Learn how to recognize a potential overdose related death based on scene analysis and how to best process the evidence. Review a list of red flags to help assist with scene interpretation.

Explore the causes and manners of death through various case studies.

Did you know there's six manners of death-not just the five commonly known? Learn the essential do's and don'ts of handling death scenes based on their classification. What is the role of a death investigator? Understand how law enforcement and death investigators can best collaborate.

DAY 2

Equivocal Deaths: Infant/Child Deaths with focus on reenactment procedures and interpretation. Learn what happens when the manner and cause of death are unclear. Explore the complexities of undetermined deaths and how medical examiners navigate them. This includes homicides, electrocutions, drownings, sexual assaults, and vulnerable populations (e.g. children, elderly, or homeless individuals). Emphasis is placed on a team based investigative approach.

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MEET YOUR TRAINER



MARISA EDELBERG, F-ABMDI MEDICOLEGAL DEATH INVESTIGATOR

Marisa Edelberg, F-ABMDI, has worked over 18 years as a Medicolegal Death Investigator. She is 1 out of 315 investigators in the country who is Board Certified as a Fellow for The American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators. She is also a CT POST certified instructor in the fields of crime scene processing as well as drug evidence recognition and identification. She has worked as a trainer for the Spector Criminal Justice Network since 2017. Marisa also works for Pinnacle TCI training police throughout the country. She has consulted on crime scene and death analysis through private investigation companies and is a consultant on a true crime podcast series.

In addition to her daily workload of homicide, suicide, and accident scene investigation, Marisa has collaborated on illicit drug task force working groups alongside CTIC, CT Statewide Narcotics, HIDTA, and the DEA to gather data on CT overdoses. Marisa's focus in these groups is typically limited to heroin, synthetic opioids, and fentanyl related deaths. She has presented to a variety of government, state, and local agencies, including but not limited to the FBI, HIDTA INTEL, CT Fairfield Detective School, and NEOA Criminal Investigation School. She presented several times at the International Forensic Medicine Association Death Investigation seminar in Daytona Beach, Florida, working alongside death investigators from around the country. She trained the Vermont State Troopers, their Detectives, and their local State's Attorneys. She has trained various police departments in Connecticut including Hartford, East Hartford, Enfield, Southington, Manchester, Waterbury, and Shelton, as well as CT State's Attorneys. She has also trained for Hartford Healthcare Hospitals, EMS PRO, and local EMS, EMT, and paramedic first responders. She has provided brief synopsis training at various public opioid conferences sponsored by and for the DPH in CT. Marisa has also consulted as an expert witness on a drug related death outside of CT.

Marisa's trainings typically focus on anatomy of a drug overdose at death scenes as well as recognizing red flags of likely overdoses. Her list titled "Red Flags Indicating Drug Overdoses at Death Scenes" has been widely dispersed to agencies throughout the state and has been used as a model for neighboring states. She focuses on analyzing evidence that is present, as well as evidence that is missing from scenes. She also focuses on differential diagnosis related to cause and manner of deaths on crime scenes. In addition to deaths related to drug overdose trainings, Marisa offers overall death investigation trainings so that those present on death scenes may interpret evidence and post mortem artifacts properly.

Marisa has a B.A. in Psychology with a minor in Russian from Binghamton University, and an M.S. in Criminal Justice: Forensic Computer Investigation specializing in Forensic Science: Advanced Investigation from the University of New Haven.

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PROGRAM PRAISE FROM MARISA'S RECENT COURSES:

- Definitely recommend this course to all detectives, but even patrol!
- Great class. Gave a good overview of different types of deaths and to look deeper for potential foul play.
- Marisa clearly had clear knowledge of all subjects at hand and presented well. Thank you!
- Job well done. Very knowledgeable.
- Marisa made the class fun and enjoyable.
- A lot of knowledge and experience
- Good class - able to keep the class engaged.
- Marisa was very knowledgeable, personable and overall great!
- Respectful and good presenter
- Marisa is extremely knowledgeable in this file and transferred that knowledge well.
- Very well versed with a lot of experience
- Great exposure to a lot of different subjects... VALUABLE!
- Marisa is funny and engaging.
- This was my third time taking this class and I still learned from it.
- I was really engaged throughout the presentation
- Provided real world material
- Very thorough 2 Day Course
- This could be a tough topic but how Marisa presented it made it fun



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