Oregon Certified Medicolegal Death Investigator Training Program

IMPORTANT NOTICE: This course is offered in cooperation with Clackamas Community College. Students will be awarded 4- (term) credit hours upon completion of training. College enrollment and a $40 transcript fee are required. See course application for details.

A comprehensive medicolegal death investigator training program designed to offer professional development to death investigators throughout the state.

Three elements of training:

1.) 40-hour nationally accredited course of initial instruction.
2.) 8-hour clinical externship for performance skill development.
3.) 12-hours of annual continuing education to maintain current skills.

Classroom instruction: Students participate in a 40-hour course of instruction presented by subject matter experts and designed to introduce the NIJ guidelines for death scene investigation. These guidelines are tempered to reflect the Oregon medical examiner system and both State and local practices. Students receive specific instruction on Oregon's medical examiner law, forensic pathology, death scene documentation, physical and circumstantial evidence collection and use of the NIJ standards in the 'real-world' setting. Students must successfully complete a multiple-choice examination at the conclusion of this course.

8-hour clinical externship: After completing the 40-hour classroom portion of the training program; students are scheduled to spend one day in the forensic laboratory with a physician medical examiner or forensic pathologist. During this one-on-one learning opportunity, students gain valuable experience in conducting body examinations, procuring biological specimens for toxicology analysis, report reviews and direct interaction with the physician medical examiner. Upon successful completion of the classroom and clinical portions of training, students are awarded certification as Oregon Certified Medicolegal Death Investigators.

12-hours annual continuing education: Each Oregon Certified Medicolegal Death Investigator is required to complete 12-hours of approved continuing education annually. This process insures that each investigator is continuing to learn and expand their knowledge and skills in the ever changing field of death investigation.

Who should take this course?

- County level physician and deputy medical examiners whose primary responsibility in the medicolegal investigation of death in their community.
- Police officers who have a dual role at the death scene that includes both law enforcement concerns *and* investigation of death for the County medical examiner.
- County District Attorney's and others with a common interest in a comprehensive death investigation program.
- Medical personnel with forensic background interested in death investigation training to become a deputy medical examiner.
- Detectives/criminalists seeking training in death investigation.

Who should not take this course?

- Police officers/supervisors who do not routinely serve as deputy medical examiner for their county.
- Detectives/criminalists seeking specific training in homicide investigation.
- Public safety professionals who are not directly aligned with the County medical examiner program.

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Student Application

August 3rd – August 7th, 2015

Please complete and return this application to the Oregon State Medical Examiners Office via e-mail to Eugene.Gray@state.or.us, FAX at (971) 673-8321 or mail to: 13309 SE 84th Avenue, Suite 100, Clackamas, OR 97015.

Due to high demand, applications are screened after the closing date, approximately 40-days prior to the course. Those selected to attend will receive a letter of acceptance and a copy of the course text book via download. Application deadline is June 18th, 2015.

Applicant Information:

Name: _____

Agency Affiliation: _____

Business Address: _____

City/State/ZIP Code: _____

Business Telephone: _____ Other Phone: _____

Contact e-mail address: _____

County you serve as a death investigator: _____

Your title & role in death investigation: _____

Course Information: The course is held at the Oregon State Police-Medical Examiner Office / Portland Metro Crime Laboratory located at 13309 SE 84th Avenue, Clackamas, Oregon 97015. This course is not offered outside of this facility due to the number of instructors involved and the teaching methods used. Hours are 08:00 to 17:30 each day.

There is no cost for tuition to attend this course or the one-day externship. Students or their sponsoring agency are responsible for all travel costs, lodging and per diem costs. Applicants will be notified 40 days prior to the class of their acceptance. Those accepted to attend this training are provided with information about local lodging that may be helpful.

NOTE: Students accepted to participate are REQUIRED to enroll for the course through Clackamas Community College. Students are awarded 4-(term) credit hours upon successful completion of training. A $40 transcript fee, paid to the college is required at the time of enrollment. Step-by-step college enrollment instructions will be provided to each student accepted by the State Medical Examiner to participate in this course. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO REGISTER WITH CLACKAMAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE UNTIL YOU RECEIVE NOTICE THAT YOU HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED TO PARTICIPATE!

As mentioned, students are provided with a copy of the course text *The Oregon Medicolegal Death Investigator: A Guide to Certified Training* electronically. Students may also elect to purchase a print version of the text at the time of being accepted to attend the course. All other course materials are provided.

Because scenario based situational learning is utilized in the course, police officers are asked to refrain from bringing firearms or other weapons to class for safety reasons.

Students are on-their-own for lunch; however complimentary coffee service is available each day. Vending machines are located in the atrium and there is adequate on-street parking at the facility.

PLEASE NOTE: If you scan and e-mail in your application to Eugene.Gray@state.or.us, we can confirm receipt of your application. If you FAX or mail, We can not. Thank you,
Questions concerning your application and course enrollment should be directed to Eugene Gray, Forensic Administrator for the State Medical Examiner at (971) 673-8201 or e-mail at: Eugene.gray@state.or.us.