Mike J. Coker, Sgt. (Retired)
Sergeant Mike J. Coker (retired) served as a police officer for 20 years in the Portsmouth, Virginia Police Department. Mike held several supervisory assignments during his tenure: Field Training Officer, Uniform Patrol Supervisor, Homicide and Robbery Squad Commander, Domestic Violence/Sex Crimes Supervisor, Robbery Task Force Deputy Commander, Shift Commander and Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police. Mike is a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice and a minor in psychology. He holds a Certification in Crime Scene Reconstruction from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA. Mike is a Past Board of Director’s Member of the Help Emergency Response (HER) a local Criminal Justice Services, Eastern Virginia Medical School, St. Louis County Police Training Juvenile Court Judges, Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, Texas P.O.S.T., Department, Idaho Governor’s Task Force, Suffolk County Long Island New York, Virginia Police and other death investigations. Mike has consulted on cases in the United States, Canada, Holland and the United Kingdom. He has a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Nova Southern University and a Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Florida International University.

David W. Rivers, Sgt. (Retired)
David Rivers retired as a Detective Sergeant in The Homicide Bureau of the Metro-Dade Police Department after over 27 years of service. He was assigned to the Homicide Bureau for 20 of those 27 plus years. As a lead investigator and supervisor he conducted and assisted in the conducting of several hundred investigations. These include homicides, suicides, accidental and other death investigations. In 1985 David was assigned as the Supervisor of the Cold Case Unit. As the Supervisor of the Cold Case Unit, over the next 27 years, he supervised and conducted numerous investigations including the investigation into the death of the 1,800 open homicides dating back to 1961. Additionally, he has consulted on cases in the United States, Canada, Holland and the United Kingdom. He has a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Nova Southern University and a Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Florida International University.

David is a charter member and past board of director’s member of the International Homicide Investigators’ Association. He is a member of the Florida Homicide Investigators’ Association, a life member of the Homicide Investigators of Texas (H.I.T.) as well as several other state associations. He is a current member of International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers Association (I.L.E.E.T.A), International Police Association (I.P.A.), Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (A.C.J.S.) and the Police Section of A.C.J.S. In April of 2010 he was certified as a Forensic Science Analyst by the Forensic Science Institute Limited.

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Monday, December 9, 2013
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Registration

David W. Rivers will focus on Cold Case Homicides: the Three Phases of Homicide Investigation: Crime Scene, Follow-up, Case and Courtroom Preparation.
Welcome and Course Orientation
Cold Case Homicides

9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

3:30 p.m.

1:00 p.m.

12:00 p.m.

11:00 a.m.

8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, December 10, 2013

Tom Martin will focus on Coping with the CSI Effect, Homicide Scene Investigation and Reconstruction, Blood Evidence, Investigating Child Muters and Mass Murder Investigation.
Coping with the CSI Effect

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Every Crime Scene Tells a Story:
Homicide Scene Investigation & Reconstruction

• Basic Observations
• Documenting the homicide scene - properly recording observations
• Understanding how to reconstruct the scene to tell the story
• Forensic analysis of evidence
• Coordinating of Physical Evidence and Informational Evidence
• Collecting information from the crime scene to assist the medical examiner in determining cause and manner of death.

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The Ever Expanding Crime Scene

• Finding evidence beyond the primary scene
• Cell Phone records
• Digital Evidence-seizing and searching computers
• Securing, analyzing, and displaying spoofed/pseudo records
• Securing video surveillance
• Using modern technology to display informational evidence in court
• Using digital imaging and digital animation

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

Lunch (On Your Own)

Identifying and Addressing the “Issue” in Each Homicide Investigation

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Triaging Blood Evidence to Facilitate DNA Testing in Investigating Child Murders

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Mass Murder Investigation — case study
• This case study will summarize the material presented and includes managing large scale investigations and the media.

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 11, 2013

Rod Englert will focus on the importance of the Homicide Crime Scene Reconstruction through the use of Blood Spatter and Blood Stain Interpretation in the Investigative Process.

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Recognition Of Evidence

• Management of Forensics Evidence
• Recognizing at Scenes
• Presentations in Court
• 2. Demonstrations in Class
• Staged and Manipulated Scenes
• Case studies of scenes presenter has been involved in around the country
• Reconstructions
• Courtroom Presentations
• Lunch (On Your Own)
• Blood Stain Interpretation At Crime Scenes
• Classroom Demonstration

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

• Role Playing of Cases Demonstrated to Juries

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

Blunt Trauma Cases

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

• Associated Blood Stains to Detect
• Gunshot Cases

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

• Associated Blood Stains to Detect

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

• Use Of New Technology
• Computer Case Analysis • Luminol Photography

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Note: The one day session will involve audience participation in actual scenes set up in the classroom.
Video of some current cases will be shown.

Thursday, December 12, 2013

Mike J. Coker will focus on officers and other helping professionals who will be presented with ideas and techniques to assist them in investigating domestic/family homicides. This course/construction will include spouse and child homicide investigations.

Mike J. Coker

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Family Violence Definitions

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

• Historical Perspective of the Problem
• Statistical Capsule View of the Problem

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Personality Traits Of Victims

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

• Personality Traits Of The Killers

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

Lethality Assessment

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The Domestic Homicide Scene

• Role of the First Responder • Role of the Detective
• Role of the Supervisor • Collection of Evidence
• Death Notifications • On Scene Family Considerations

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The Domestic Homicide Investigation

• Missing Persons • Media Considerations

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The Domestic Homicide Investigation Legal Issues

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday, December 13, 2013

Use

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

Use of New Technology

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

Procedural Issues in the Use of Deadly Force

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Case Law

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

• Subject and Witness Officer’s Rights
• Garrity Issues

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Certificate Presentation

12:00 p.m.