



The Lakewood Police Department brings you training by:

THE DETECTIVE ACADEMY

HOMICIDE & MAJOR CASE INVESTIGATIONS

FOUR DAY COURSE | MAY 5 - MAY 8, 2026

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Elevate your investigative expertise with this dynamic, four-day advanced course designed for seasoned Detectives and Investigators. Sharpen your skills, gain confidence in Homicide and Death Investigations, and master the art of managing high-profile cases. Learn firsthand from elite Homicide Detectives, CSI experts, and Crime Analysts as they share real-world strategies and cutting-edge techniques to take your investigations to the next level.

Practical strategy for successful investigation is reinforced throughout the course with scenario exercises developed to help the attendee learn how to work through large cases using their current organizational structure and resources.

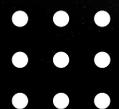
COST:

\$550

MAY 5 - MAY 8, 2026 | 08:30 AM - 5:00 PM



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TOPICS COVERED:

Day 1

- DEATH INVESTIGATION AND INTRO TO HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION
- ROLE OF THE CORONER
- MANNERS OF DEATH - RULING OUT HOMICIDE
- HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION - WHAT TO LOOK FOR ON CRIME SCENE
- CHILD DEATHS -
- WOUNDS - BLUNT FORCE TRAUMA/STAB WOUNDS/ GUNSHOTS
- LIGATURE MARKINGS

Day 2

- HOMICIDE INVESTIGATIVE STEPS - WHERE TO START AND WHERE TO GO
- NATURAL DEATH VS STRANGULATION
- INVESTIGATING COMPLEX DEATH SCENES
- GAINING CONFIDENCE IN DEATH INVESTIGATION
- COMPLEX & MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL MAJOR CASE INVESTIGATION
- CASE LEAD MANAGEMENT FOR LARGE CASES

Day 3

- BASIC BLOODSTAIN ANALYSIS
- SHOOTING SCENE RECREATION / TRAJECTORY / FARO
- EVIDENCE HANDLING AND COLLECTION
- ADVANCED DNA
- CSI ABILITIES AND LIMITATIONS
- CASE LEAD MANAGEMENT FOR LARGE CASES

Day 4

HOW TO CATCH A CRIMINAL FROM YOUR DESK

- IMPORTANCE OF SOCIAL MEDIA
- PRESERVATION AND LEGAL REQUESTS
- ANALYSIS OF KEY FEATURES ON SOCIAL MEDIA
- CELLULAR ANALYSIS AND CALL DETAIL RECORDS
- CELL DATA AND SOCIAL MEDIA APPLICATION IN MAJOR CASES

You must be pre-registered and you will not be admitted without a Law Enforcement identification. Space is limited for this class, please register early. Register at TheDetectiveAcademy.com before April 21st, 2026.

*For questions, please contact:
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COURSE INSTRUCTORS FOR LAKEWOOD, MAY 5 - MAY 8, 2026

CHRIS LANGLEY - MAJOR CRIMES DETECTIVE - LAKEWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chris is a 25-year veteran of the Lakewood Police Department and has been a Major Crimes Detective for 17 years. He has been the lead Detective on over 50 murders. He has also worked hundreds of sexual assaults, shootings, stabbings, robberies, and other major crimes cases. In addition to his time in the Major Crimes Unit, he was assigned to the FBI Safe Streets Task Force where he investigated violent crime throughout the state. Chris started the Detective Academy in 2018 and trains law enforcement in Investigation throughout the state.

SARAH POELLOT - MAJOR CRIMES AGENT - COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONS

Sarah is an Investigator for the Colorado Bureau of Investigations. Her detective career includes six years on Major Crimes teams at both the Lakewood Police Department and the CBI. As a Detective, Sarah has over 1,200 cases including assaults, kidnapping, stalking, domestic violence, sexual assault, shootings, and homicide. Sarah is passionate about developing detectives and providing them with the resources and skills to be successful investigators.

BRITTANY BAY - SENIOR CORONER INVESTIGATOR JEFFERSON COUNTY

Brittany is a veteran Coroner Investigator with over 16 years of experience investigating death. Brittany has investigated hundreds of deaths in all different conditions. She brings her expertise to help attendees understand the characteristics of death and how to differentiate homicides from other types of death.

KARIE NORDLAND - CRIME ANALYST

Karie is a Crime Analyst in the Investigations Division at the Lakewood Police Department where she's worked for the last 8 years. She previously worked as a Crime Analyst at the Toledo Police Department in Toledo, OH. She is an expert witness and certified in the analysis of Forensic Cell Phone and Historical Cell Analysis, and excels in Intelligence Profiling, ALPR (Automated License Plate Reader) analysis, and Social Media Analysis/OSINT (Open-Source Intelligence). Karie's taught and presented on numerous Social Media and OSINT topics for such organizations as Sam Houston State University's Center for Intelligence & Crime Analysis, the National Domestic Communications Assistance Center (NDCAC), DEA/FBI, the Plessas Academy, as well as presented at the numerous conferences

VICTORIA PARKER - FORENSIC ANALYSIS SUPERVISOR

Victoria is the supervisor of the Lakewood Police Department Crime Lab and has been with the department for 18 years. Prior to working at LPD, she was employed as a Field Evidence Technician with the Albuquerque Police Department. Victoria's education includes a Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science from University of Colorado in Colorado Springs, and a Master of Forensic Science from National University in San Diego, CA. Victoria is a certified Senior Crime Scene Analyst and is court qualified expert in Crime Scene Analysis, Bloodstain Pattern Analysis, and Crime Scene Reconstruction.

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