



HOST AGENCY: COMMERCE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEW DETECTIVE AND CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR

JULY 27-31, 2026

TRAINING COST
\$625

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Register at www.PATC.com or [click here](#) to view more course information and register.

COURSE OVERVIEW

This introductory course lays a strong foundation in criminal investigations for patrol officers and new investigators. Participants will develop essential skills, including securing and preserving evidence, interviewing witnesses and suspects, and testifying in court. The course also covers investigative techniques for cases involving injury, homicide, and sexual battery, featuring graphic real-case examples to enhance learning. By the end, officers will be equipped with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to conduct thorough and effective investigations.

TRAINING LOCATION

Eagle Pointe Recreation Center
6060 Parkway Dr.
Commerce City, CO

HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

Homewood Suites
550 15th St.
Denver, CO 80202
Phone: 303-534-7800
Contact Hotel for State Govt. Rate

QUESTIONS?

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PAUL VILLAVERDE
Instructor

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Instructors: PAUL VILLAVERDE is a law enforcement supervisor within a law enforcement agency in Miami- Dade County. He has served its citizens for over 29 years. Sergeant Villaverde has a vast amount of work experience, knowledge and training derived from his work and supervisory assignments, which include: the, Homicide Bureau, Executive Officer to the Head of Agency, Robbery Bureau, Narcotics Bureau, Warrants Bureau, Professional Compliance Bureau, General Investigations Unit, Crime Suppression Team and previously detached as a Task Force officer for the US Marshal's Service, and to Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives (ATF). Sergeant Villaverde currently supervises a Homicide Bureau Cold Case Unit and is an active member of the Special Response Hostage Negotiator Team.

Sergeant Villaverde possesses a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Management and has a professional and practical background in law enforcement supervision and investigations. His practical knowledge and experience are rooted in him from the positions and assignments he has held.

Sergeant Villaverde has served as an instructor concerning several investigative level subjects, and has been teaching for over 15 years. He is sought out to instruct, Homicide School, Internal Affairs School, Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Officer Discipline School and has previously instructed Robbery Bureau Investigations Classes and General Investigations Schools. He utilizes a dynamic approach to instruction that includes student participation and thought-provoking problem-solving methods relative to today's law enforcement professional. Sergeant Villaverde proudly served as an elected Board of Director for the Dade County Police Benevolent Association, (PBA) for over ten years, and currently remains a proud member of the PBA.

Course Objectives

This course is designed to introduce the foundation of criminal investigations to Uniform Patrol and Criminal Investigators. Whether you are the uniform officer responding to the call or the criminal investigator that will be handling the case, every first responder's job is important. No matter what type of investigation is going to be conducted, the fundamentals of criminal investigation remain the same. Applying determination, sound investigative practices, techniques and procedures will enhance the investigator's ability to solve a case. Additionally, uniform patrol and criminal investigators will learn the importance of securing, preserving and the collection of evidence from the scene. Uniform Patrol and Criminal Investigators will learn the proper techniques in dealing with witnesses, suspects and testifying in criminal proceedings. After the completion of this course all first responders will feel confident in having learned the foundation of criminal investigations. This course is a comprehensive INTRODUCTORY LEVEL overview for the law enforcement officer who has recently become assigned the crucial task of conducting supplemental investigations of suspected criminal offenses. During this course the student will also be exposed to various injury, death, homicide, and sexually sensitive and explicit sexual battery cases. Also included in this course will be several post-mortem examination photographs and videotape segments, as well as injury, death, and homicide scenes through Detective and New Criminal Investigator photos and videotapes from actual closed cases. This part of the course will be VERY GRAPHIC AND INTENSE.

Upon successful completion of this course, each student will have acquired a comprehensive understanding and skills, which are needed to conduct a thorough and meticulous investigation concerning suspected criminal activity.

Accountability:

In any investigation the lead investigator will be charged with the responsibility of the investigation and will ultimately be held accountable for the integrity and success of the completed investigation. Participants will be made aware of the proper methods of ensuring that the scene is properly processed and that first responders document their actions during the investigation. This documentation includes written reports, photographs, measurements, sketches, analyzation of evidence and area canvasses. Participants will learn the importance on why everyone should be held accountable for their specific roles during an investigation. By learning the importance of everyone being held accountable during investigations, the participants will see how it translates into successful prosecutions for their cases.

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Burglary, Robbery, Homicide, and Police-Involved Shooting:

Police officers are called to investigate approximately over 2.5 million burglaries a year. Police officers investigate over 300,000 robberies a year. Police officers are called to investigate approximately over 22,000 homicides a year. Lastly, Police Officers are involved in over 1000 police-involved shootings a year. These types of investigations will receive public scrutiny and certain types can become national news immediately. First responders will see the complete investigative process on these types of investigations, from the initial call being received, to the prosecution. The importance will be for participants to be able to see how the fundamentals of criminal investigation were applied in these crimes, and to understand how and why things were done. Additionally, these investigative techniques can be applied to all investigative cases from property crimes to person crimes.

Beginning the Criminal Investigation:

The 10 Most Common Investigative Errors - Defining Crime –
Evidence and Crime Scene Issues – Investigative Training Skills Required – The Investigator's Responsibilities – The Preliminary Inquiry

The Crime Scene:

Fourth Amendment Considerations – Judicially Created Exceptions – Search Warrant Requirements – Crime Scene Search & Protection of Area – Thermal Injuries- Blood at the Scene- Dental- 3 Types of Track Evidence- The Importance of Documenting Weather- Blood at Crime Scenes- Hangings vs. Strangulations – Shaken Baby Syndrome

Injury & Death Investigations:

Classifications of Homicide – Evaluation of Information from The Autopsy – Time of Death Considerations – Wound Information and Evidence – Firearms – Blunt Force Trauma – Incisions – Stabbing – Offender Injuries from Self-Wounding – Suicide Investigations – Autoerotic Asphyxia & “The Choking Game”

Sex Crimes:

The Basic Principles of Deviant Sexual Behavior – Paraphilias – Investigative Strategies for Officers to include the 4 Types of Rapists, the 3 defenses a rapist will give you, the two “M.O.’s in a sex crime, the two parts of a confession with sex offenders and the three reasons “evidence” is taken from a rape scene.

Strategies for A Successful Investigation:

Where Your Investigation Begins – Legal Issues Involving the Investigation – Goals and Objectives of a Successful Investigation – The Importance of the Post-Arrest Investigation – Case Management Strategies – Organization – Checklists -Solvability Factors/ Case Filtering – Studies Impacting Criminal Investigations – Sources of Information – Knowing & Utilizing Available Resources – Conducting Successful Line-ups – Analytical Tools and the Internet – UCR/NIBRS.

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Monday

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Registration
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	First responder's duties
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	The importance of photographing, and documentation of the Crime Scene
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	The handling of Witnesses, Subjects and Family Members on scene
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Interview techniques for Witnesses, Family Members, and Subjects (Miranda)
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch (on your own)
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Interview and interrogation techniques continued, and class practicum
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Proper procedures for a lineup, a show up, and a single photo identification

Tuesday

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Follow questions and answers from prior day of training
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Follow Up, Analyzation & Interpretation of Evidence (Physical & Digital)
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Social Media Evidence, search warrant and nondisclosure order for Facebook
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Cellular Data Evidence and how to identify additional subjects
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch (on your own)
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Fingerprint & DNA Evidence
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Case File Organization, Presentation of your case & Successful Prosecution

Wednesday

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	What officers need to know when investigating a "Burglary" & the resources that can be used to solve/prevent them?
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	What officer's need to know when conducting "Robbery" & "Homicide" investigations & resources that can be used to solve/prevent them?
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Sexual Battery Investigations
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Identity Theft Investigations
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch (on your own)
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Domestic Violence Investigations
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	The importance of evidence storage for solving future crimes: CODIS, AFIS, NIBN, DNA, VICAP
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Mock Case Scenario Practicum

Thursday

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Robbery Case and Prosecution Case Study
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Cold Case Homicide and Prosecution Case Study
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch (on your own)
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Homicide Cases and Prosecution Case Studies

Friday

8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Police-Involved Shooting Case Studies and Officer Wellness
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Officer Wellness and Stress Management
12:00 p.m.	Lunch and completion of Training