

OFFICER VIRTUAL ACADEMY

COURSE SYLLABUS:

Crime Scene Safety



Course Location:

This is a virtual course, offered online only and available to registered users of the Officer Virtual Academy at all times.

Instructor Information:

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Hilary Rodela is a former crime scene investigator and evidence technician. She has worked at the Ruidoso (NM) Police Department and the Lubbock (TX) Police Department. She is currently a licensed private investigator for the state of New Mexico, working criminal cases and volunteers with the Cold Case Foundation. Mrs. Rodela is also pursuing fingerprint expertise as well as other courses to sharpen her investigative skills. She is the former Associate News Editor for officer.com, and is also a curriculum developer for the National Investigative Training Academy.

Course Description:

This course is a basic overview of crime scene safety and some security precautions to take while on scene. It will cover personal protective equipment, (PPE), needed as well as proper crime scene safety protocol.

Prerequisites:

There are no prerequisites for attending this program.

Course Sequencing:

- I. Explanation of Crime Scene Safety
- II. Explanation of PPE
- III. Discussion of additional crime scene hazards
- IV. Discussion of crime scene security
- V. Conclusion

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Course Objectives:

To learn the best practices for safety and security at a crime scene.

Course Materials:

PDF Handout of PowerPoint Slide presentation

Course video

Additional Resources:

[HTTPS://WWW.EVIDENCEMAGAZINE.COM/INDEX.PHP?OPTION=COM_CONTENT
&TASK=VIEW&ID=1622](https://www.evidencemagazine.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1622)

[HTTPS://WWW.CRIME-SCENE-INVESTIGATOR.NET/HAZARDS.HTML](https://www.crime-scene-investigator.net/HAZARDS.HTML)

[HTTPS://WWW.UNODC.ORG/DOCUMENTS/SCIENTIFIC/CRIME_SCENE_AWAREN
ESS_EBOOK.PDF](https://www.unodc.org/documents/scientific/crime_scene_awareness_ebook.pdf)