

OFFICER VIRTUAL ACADEMY

COURSE SYLLABUS:

Evidence Packaging



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 guides and teaches students to properly package evidence. It will cover what types of materials to use as well as how to use them. The course will discuss the importance of safety and integrity with evidence and how to package it in a way that preserves both.

Prerequisites:

There are no prerequisites for attending this program.

Course Sequencing:

- I. The Importance of Evidence Packaging
- II. Materials Used for Packaging Evidence
- III. Types of Evidence
- IV. Evidence Integrity
- V. Conclusion

Course Objectives:

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Upon completion of this course, the student officer will be able to articulate the proper methods for packaging and documenting / controlling collected evidence.

Course Materials:

Course Syllabus

Course Introduction

PDF Handout of PowerPoint Slide presentation

PowerPoint Show with information from course videos

Additional Resources:

Packaging and Labeling Evidence <https://caseguard.com/articles/packaging-and-labeling-evidence/>

Eye for Evidence: Evidence Integrity
<https://www.officer.com/21219969>

Eye for Evidence: The Importance of Proper Evidentiary Training
<https://www.officer.com/21227149>

Oddball Crime Scene Training
<https://www.officer.com/21217078>