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Basic Fingerprinting Course

June 8-12, 2020 • Austin

36 hours of TCOLE credit (Course No. 3855)

**The host hotel:
Crowne Plaza Hotel
6121 N. IH-35
Austin, TX 78752
877/270-1393**

*Rooms are
\$126 plus tax (good
until May 19 or the
block is sold out,
whichever is first).
Mention TDCAA
to get this rate.*

This course is intended for the investigator who is new to comparing latent prints. It teaches the beginning aspects of friction ridge comparison, physiology of friction ridged skin, pattern interpretation, effects of distortion, and proper techniques for recording inked prints. Attendees will have extensive time comparing inked prints in this class. The time will be broken up with lectures, exercises, and presentations.

Registration for this seminar and other information is at tdcaa.com.

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Basic Fingerprinting Course Agenda

Monday, June 8

8:00 a.m.	Registration and Orientation
8:15 a.m.	Class Objectives
9:00 a.m.	Lecture: Introduction to Latent Prints & Definitions
10:15 a.m.	Lecture: The Formation of Friction Ridge Skin
11:30 a.m.	Lunch (on your own)
1:00 p.m.	Lecture: Pattern Interpretation
2:30 p.m.	Exercise: 40 patterns for Interpretation
3:15 p.m.	Exercise: 40 patterns for Interpretation (cont'd)
5:00 p.m.	Adjourn

Tuesday, June 9

8:00 a.m.	Lecture: Basic Fingerprints Comparison
9:30 a.m.	Exercise: Comparison
10:15 a.m.	Practical: Ridge Tracing
11:30 a.m.	Lunch (on your own)
1:00 p.m.	Exercise: Comparison
3:15 p.m.	Exercise: Comparison (cont'd)
5:00 p.m.	Adjourn

Wednesday, June 10

8:00 a.m.	Lecture: Distortion and Disruptions
9:00 a.m.	Exercise: Comparison
10:15 a.m.	Exercise: Comparison (cont'd)
11:30 a.m.	Lunch (on your own)
1:00 p.m.	Lecture: Determining Suitability
3:15 p.m.	Exercise: Comparison
5:00 p.m.	Adjourn

Thursday, June 11

8:00 a.m.	Practical: Group Comparison
10:15 a.m.	Practical: Group Comparison (cont'd)
11:30 a.m.	Lunch (on your own)
1:00 p.m.	Practical: Group Comparison (cont'd)
3:15 p.m.	Lecture: Obtaining Inked Prints
4:00 p.m.	Lecture: Obtaining Major Case Prints
5:00 p.m.	Adjourn

Friday, June 12

8:00 a.m.	Exercise: Comparison & Taking a Set of Finger and Palm Prints
9:00 a.m.	Exercise: Comparison & Taking a Set of Finger and Palm Prints (cont'd)
10:30 a.m.	Final Test and Comparison
11:45 a.m.	Class Evaluation and Graduation
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A few notes about this course:

- Registration is completely FREE. However, TDCAA cannot supply lunch (though coffee service will be provided) and cannot reimburse for travel, meals, or hotel; these costs are your own.
- Registration is limited to 35 attendees.
- The Basic Fingerprinting Course is happening at the same time and at the same hotel as TDCAA's Organized Crime Conference. However, the two conferences are separate, and attendees of one cannot attend the other because they overlap.
- While we do talk about latent prints, this course does not qualify the student as a latent print examiner, nor does completing this course earn students a certification. The only certification for latent or 10 prints is through the International Association for Identification. Attendees of this course earn a certificate.
- Students need to bring magnifiers and pointers.

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