# Crime Scene Photography

#### Location:

New River Criminal Justice Academy 601 Marcy Road. Dublin, VA 24084

#### **Date/Time:**

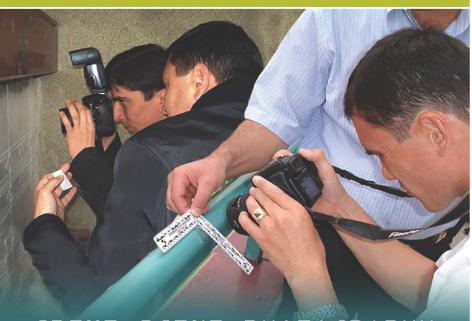
August 23 – 25, 2016 8am – 5pm

DCJS In-service Credit: 24 hrs career development

**Cost:** \$300\* \*Participants are responsible for travel, lodging and meals.

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### CRIME SCENE PHOTOGRAPHY

## Have you ever testified in court with photos critical to your case which were disappointingly dark, blurry or confusing?

If so, join us for this 3-day, intensive and high-energy *Crime Scene Photography* course which will improve your photography skills and unlock your digital camera's abilities. Designed for law enforcement officers of all assignments, with any level of photography experience (or none at all), this course addresses the challenges of everyday police work, while walking participants through the process of capturing quality crime scene photos which contribute to highly effective courtroom presentations. A unique component of this interactive course involves specific training on obtaining and using low cost Forensic Light Sources (ALS) such as Ultra Violet (UV) and Infra Red (IR) on crime scenes. These powerful technologies need not be limited to forensic laboratories, and are available, affordable and easy to understand to all levels of crime scene investigation and general police work.

ALL equipment is provided for course activities and photography exercises. However, when possible, participants are encouraged to bring their own, department-issued camera, laptop loaded with software to view images, and accessories (corresponding user manual, close-up rings, tripod, off-shoe flash, etc.) as well as their department's ALS equipment. If you do not currently have this equipment, that is not a problem! In addition to providing the equipment to use in class, this course will offer insights into how to cut costs when obtaining quality ALS and other equipment, while achieving results that exceed the Scientific Working Group's requirements (SWIGDE); https://www.swgde.org.

**About the Instructor:** Detective Jonathan Pelletier (ret.) currently teaches crime scene photography on the university level, has taught Crime Scene Photography in the Central Virginia Criminal Justice Academy's Police Basic schools for 20 consecutive sessions (10 years), and has taught photography to the police in Kenya, Tanzania, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan and other countries around the world. He has presented to the International Association for Identification (IAI) and Mid-Atlantic Association of Forensic Scientists (MAAFS) related to digital photography and he currently serves as a consultant. Jonathan has learned, and now imparts to his students, that it is not always the "best equipment with the most expensive price tag," but more often a basic understanding of what you can push even a simple pocket camera (with manual settinos) to capture.

