



Department of Public Safety

Bureau of Forensic Services

Crime Scene Specialist Training
Basic and Advanced Crime Scene Registration

Name_____

Agency_____

Contact Information

Email_____ Phone number _____

Please Check Applicable Class

_____ Basic May 10 - 14, 2027

By signing below, I certify that I will have the proper camera equipment for this course. The required items are as follows: **SLR digital camera, regular lens, macro lens, detachable flash, flash cord, and sturdy tripod.**

Signature_____ Date_____

The cost of the class is \$250.00 each or \$400.00 for both. Please send check to:

**Department of Public Safety
Utah Bureau of Forensic Services 2nd Floor
4451 South Constitution Blvd, 2nd Floor
Taylorsville, UT 84129**

**Return Registration to Bonnie Wilder-Estes
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Taylorsville, UT 84129**

Crime Scene Specialist Training (Basic)

Description:

The Crime Scene Specialist Class is an entry-level course designed to provide the new investigator with correct tools to become familiar with the evaluation, preservation, documentation, and collection of commonly encountered physical evidence types. If the student does well in the class and continues to practice these skill sets upon graduation, then they can expect to develop proficiency in crime scene processing.

Since the majority of crime scene work is documentation, this is the focus of the course. As such, the student will be required to bring their own SLR camera, tripod and flash with all necessary attachments. (e.g., sync cord, extra batteries, macro lens, etc...) However, the class does not teach entry-level camera use. We use the Nikon D70, and while most cameras are similar, they are different, and we cannot be expected to know everything about every camera. Hence, the student should be very familiar with their camera, its settings and attachments.

It is recommended that a basic photography course be taken prior to attempting this class. It is further recommended that a student bring a digital SLR camera and laptop to this course to aid in the rapid review and verification of photographs.

Minimum Passing Grade

There are four written examinations, which are given at the start of each class (0800) in the morning. The student must have a cumulative score of 70% or higher (exam/practical) to pass the class and receive credit. There are multiple lab exercises that the student must complete and have instructor verification (signoff). At the end of this course (Friday) the students will assemble into four teams and each team will process a mock crime scene, demonstrating the skills that they have learned and practiced during the week.

Student Expectations

The student should plan on being very busy and adjust their work schedule to compensate for this class. To do well on the written test, each student will need to study an average of 1-2 hours each night. Optionally, the student may want to practice after class time some of the skills that they learned during the day. This will help the crime scene practical go smoother and lessen the student's anxieties. Remember to have fun and take full advantage of this time to ask questions of the experts teaching this class and practice your newly learned techniques.

Instructors:

Utah BFS Personnel

Address:

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Taylorsville, UT 84129

Cell Phone: 801-419-2832

Email – bwilder-estes@utah.gov

Tentative Schedule: May 10 – 14, 2027

- Crime Scene Management
- Note taking and Sketching and Exercises
- Collection/Preservation of Physical Evidence (Packaging, Trace, Blood [KM and swabbing], Documentation and collection of firearms and Exercises
- Camera Basics and Lab Exercises
- Crime Scene Photography and Exercises
- Paint Fire Debris Fibers
- Bloodstain Patterns (Documentation, Photography, etc.) and Exercises
- Fingerprints
 - Physical Development and Lifting of Fingerprints
 - Fingerprint Lab
- Footwear/Tire and Exercises
- Crime Scene Practical
- Serology/DNA

Student Notes:

Cost for course to cover materials is \$250.00 payable to Utah Bureau of Forensic Services prior to the first day of class. If you register for both the Basic and Advanced Classes in advance you will receive a discount and can attend both classes for \$400.00.

For R.S.V.P., payment and general class information please contact Bonnie Wilder-Estes at bwilder-estes@utah.gov or 801-419-2832

Prerequisites:

1. Submittal of registration form and fee.
2. A willingness to devote the entire week to the study of crime scene processing is imperative. There is very little resource for makeups, so the student should plan on being at the class for the entire week.
3. **All required camera equipment.**

Max enrollment: (16)

Course Dates	Location	Time	Status
May 10-14, 2027	Utah Department of Health Unified State Labs 4431 South 2700 West Salt Lake City, UT 84119	0800 - 1700	Open