

## Registration for the Forensic Pieces of Shooting Reconstruction

### COURSE DATES

September 21 – 25, 2026 | Monday to Friday  
Time: 8:00 am – 5:30 pm

### COURSE LOCATION

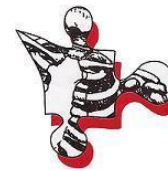
Jefferson County Sheriff's Training Center  
3500 Happy Hollow Lane  
Fultondale, AL 35068

### COURSE HOST

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### COST: \$705

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brochure for Instructor Bio, Course  
Description and Topics, What to Bring, &  
Recommended Lodging.**

## **In Honor of Our Beloved Founder of Forensic Pieces Inc., Jan Johnson, CSCSA**

We commit to you the same techniques, structure, and integrity that our fearless leader Jan Johnson carried with her to every scene, every training, every conference, every time.

It will be our constant goal to strive, meet, and exceed the extremely high standards set by the one who led thousands all over the world to success in the areas of Crime Scene Investigation, Bloodstain Pattern Analysis, Shooting Reconstruction, Crime Scene Reconstruction, and so much more.

Each instructor and training will reflect the legacy Jan wanted for her company and the forensic community. We appreciate all the continued support as we forge ahead our new path forward. As Jan Johnson would always say:

**Full Speed Ahead!**

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Designed for crime scene officers, detectives and investigators seeking to gain a better understanding of how to handle all the forensic pieces of a shooting incident, with or without experience. As well as students entering the realm of forensic science.

## WHAT TO BRING?

Casual attire is suitable. Have a pen, paper, highlighter, note cards and laptop computer (if desired for note taking). A camera is recommended for the hands-on wallboard and vehicle exercises, however a cellphone camera will suffice if traveling with equipment is an issue.

## RECOMMENDED LODGING

Springhill Suites  
260 City Street  
Gardendale, AL 35071  
(205) 285-8447 | [Reserve](#)

Fairfield Inn & Suites  
1795 Morris Avenue  
Fultondale, AL 35068  
(205) 849-8484 | [Reserve](#)

## MEET YOUR INSTRUCTOR

### Dr. Michael Berkland, D.O.

A highly experienced forensic pathologist with over 30 years in the field, holding triple board certifications in Anatomic, Clinical, and Forensic Pathology. Trained in the U.S. Army, he has served as a Chief and Deputy Chief Medical Examiner in various locations and was previously certified as a Senior Crime Scene Analyst with the IAI.

Dr. Berkland has examined over 3,000 crime scenes and specializes in forensic subspecialties like shooting reconstruction and child fatalities. His instruction reflects the legacy Jan wanted and offers comprehensive learning experience, integrating crime scene analysis with courtroom insights, tailored for professionals in the field.

For his full biography, please visit our "Meet Your Instructors" section of our webpage at [www.forensicpieces.com](http://www.forensicpieces.com).

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

This comprehensive five-day course is designed for crime scene investigators, detectives, crime laboratory analysts and others (students) in the field of forensic science that have the basic training and skills for shooting crime scene examinations. This course will assist law enforcement officers in connecting all the forensic pieces for the purpose of shooting crime scene reconstruction. A crime scene is a huge puzzle, and piece by piece we compile the physical evidence in each case; the more difficult job is trying to connect those pieces to obtain the big picture, the shooting crime scene reconstruction. This course will also assist in the documentation of physical evidence at the scene. Students will learn about the flight path of the projectile from the moment it leaves a firearm muzzle to the moment it strikes the final target and is recovered; this will be done through lectures and hands-on exercises including stringing, dowel rods, and/or lasers. The most common targets involved in shooting incidents are walls, vehicles, and people will be utilized in this hands-on course. Also, students will examine the end-targets for evidence of firearm gunpowder residue for estimated distance determination from the position of the shooter's muzzle to the victim and/or final target. Mock scenario targets will be utilized for students to draw their forensic conclusion. This course was specifically designed to assist the students in the importance of shooting scene documentation, and to obtain the maximum, accurate information for ultimate shooting crime scene reconstruction.

These 40 course hours have been approved by the International Association of Identification (IAI) to be applied to credit hours used to acquire IAI Crime Scene Certification as well as re-certification.

## COURSE TOPICS

Physical Evidence in Firearms Cases, Photographic & Video Techniques, Search, Sketching & Measuring Techniques, Metal Detector Techniques, Implementation of Grid Search, Bloodstain Patterns, Trigonometry & Trajectory, Lasers & Shooting Reconstruction, Chemical Applications, Case Scenarios: Single-Shooting, Multiple-Shooting & Officer-Involved Shooting Crime Scenes, Report Writing, Courtroom Testimony.