Processing Evidence in Criminal Investigation

INTRODUCTION

- The performance of Investigators is continuously under review by their respective Governments worldwide. It is widely understood that improvement is always possible, and development expected.
- This training seminar looks at a Core Investigative Doctrine on the Principles of Criminal Investigation, which will assist investigators at any level to meet targets set by the respective Governments to increase the number of offenders brought to justice and thereby improve public confidence in the investigative process.

This training seminar will highlight:

- Developments in Investigation
- The role of the Investigator
- Investigative Knowledge
- The Legal Framework
- The Criminal Investigation Process
- Investigative Strategies
- Investigative Management

OBJECTIVES

After completing this training course, you will be able to:

- Understand Criminal Investigation
- Understand the Investigative Process
- Learn Scene Management
- Understand Interviewing Best Practice
- Be equipped to manage an investigation properly

TRAINING METHODOLOGY

• This is an introductory / intermediate level course, and delegates are not required to have any previous experience in Criminal Investigation. The delivery will be interactive with exercises and role-plays to simulate scenarios and situations that professionals will encounter.

ORGANISATIONAL IMPACT

This training course will benefit organisations in all investigative levels by:

- Enhancing appreciation of the increasing rises in crime
- Increasing the awareness of evidence collection
- Showing investigators where to look for evidence, both physical and circumstantial
- Giving them the tools and techniques to investigate better
- Showing them how to detect crime and thereby increasing public confidence

PERSONAL IMPACT

This training course will enable delegates to enhance their knowledge in the following disciplines:

- Know how to recognise crime and know when to investigate
- Learning about and Evaluating Evidence
- Understanding why we need Continuity within the Investigation at all levels
- Understand the limits of the Legal Framework
- Investigation Techniques, both covert and overt to help you gather evidence

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This training course is suitable for a wide range of professionals but will greatly benefit:

- Newly Appointed Police Officers
- Practitioners needing a broader understanding of how to investigate all types of crime
- Anybody who is using technology for Investigation
- Members of evidence collection (search) teams who need to learn more about what and where to look
- Investigation Managers need a broader understanding of how different levels of investigation can be handled

Course Outline

Introduction to Criminal Investigation

- Criminal Investigation
- The Role of the Investigator
- The Forensic Investigator
- The Benefits of Investigation

Investigative Knowledge

- Knowledge required by Investigators
- The Legal Framework: Ethics
- The Characteristics of Crime
- Modus Operandi
- Characteristics of Victims, Witnesses, and Offenders
- Investigative Principles
- Developing Knowledge

The Legal Framework

- Evidence
- Best Evidence
- The Adversarial System
- Relevant Acts to Investigation (PACE, Human Rights, and RIPA)
- Duty of Care

The Criminal Investigation Process

- Material and how Material is generated
- The Methods of the Criminal Investigation
- A Model of the Investigation Process
- Initial Investigation
- Investigative evaluation
- Further Investigation
- Suspect Management
- Evidence evaluation
- Case Management

Investigative Decision making and Strategies

- How Investigators make decisions
- The Evaluation Process
- Hypotheses
- Scene Strategy
- Search Strategy
- Victim and Witness Strategy
- Intelligence Strategy