

Introduction to Criminal Investigations Course

COURSE INFORMATION:

We understand that everyone has to start somewhere. We are dedicated to ensuring that all new investigators are given an opportunity to learn the foundations of conducting criminal investigations in a course that is not overwhelming. We also want to ensure that individuals feel confident in gathering material throughout the course of an investigation.

Officers need to be able to demonstrate that they can understand the foundations in relation to conducting criminal investigations. Without understanding the fundamentals of criminal investigations, officers may end up losing cases or being unable to proceed with the investigation of a criminal offence. This could have severe implications on victims and witnesses, allow offenders to not face justice for the offence(s) they have committed and may result in a detrimental impact to the reputation of both the officer and the organisation for which they work.



Covering four key areas of conducting criminal investigations, this course uses real life examples and thoughtful examples to consider, which assists with learning. The purpose of this course is to ensure that all officers who are involved in the investigation and enforcement of criminal offences have a suitable base level of training. This will ensure that individuals are able to:

- Effectively complete pocket notebook entries which may need to be relied upon in court.
- Understand types of evidence that can be gathered in criminal investigations and how to manage it.
- Understand how to deal with exhibits throughout an investigation.
- Understand how to obtain a witness statement and who to obtain them from.
- Understand the basics of conducting a PACE interview.

AUDIENCE

This course has been designed for any individual who is new or has limited experience in conducting criminal investigations, or those who would like a refresher before attending more advanced courses.

As well as being suitable for new investigators, this course is also suitable for team leaders and managers who may have oversight of officers involved in criminal investigations.



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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Understand what a criminal investigation is.
- Understand the key roles within a criminal investigation.
- Understand the caution, its importance and when to use it.
- Understand how to make good pocket notebook entries.
- Understand how to obtain good descriptions of individuals and vehicles and understand ADVOKATE.
- Understand what evidence is and how to collect it correctly within criminal investigations.
- Understand the chain of evidence and the importance of it.
- Understand what exhibits are and how to correctly manage them throughout a criminal investigation.
- Understand what unused material is.
- Understand the PEACE model of investigative interviewing.
- Understand who witnesses are.
- Understand what a witness statement is.
- Understand who should provide witness statements and how to obtain one.
- Understand categories of witnesses and how to deal with them.
- Understand how to structure a witness statement.
- Have an awareness of the principles of investigative interviewing.
- Provide an introduction to PACE interviews including:
 - What one is.
 - When one should be conducted.
 - An overview of Codes C and E of PACE.
 - The roles within a PACE interview.
 - An overview of how to conduct a PACE interview.