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# Initial Response to Major Crimes and Homicides



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This two-day class is designed to assist patrol officers and newly assigned detectives in responding to major crimes and understanding the importance of the first steps of any major crime's investigation.

<p><b><u>Date &amp; Time</u></b>  <b>Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup> and          Thursday March 28<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>8:30 to AM to 4:00 PM</b></p>	<p><b><u>Location</u></b>  <b>Berwick Police Department</b>  <b>20 Wilson St.</b>  <b>Berwick, ME 03901</b></p>
<p><b><u>Registration</u></b>  <b><a href="http://www.dirigosafety.com">www.dirigosafety.com</a></b></p>	<p><b><u>Cost</u></b>  <b>\$219.00</b></p>

The initial response to any major crime is essential for a successful outcome of that case. These responses typically require a careful and coordinated effort among different officers, detectives, and agencies. An inadequate response can mean valuable evidence and critical leads lost forever.

This course is designed to provide participants with the skills, knowledge, techniques, and abilities to successfully respond and begin an initial investigation of any crime scene while avoiding common pitfalls. Focus is on crime scene entry, protection, and control; coordination of the investigation; competent interview and investigation techniques; and trial and post-arrest activities.

Additionally, this training is designed to meet the needs of decision and policy makers, supervisors, and officers leading major investigations (i.e., homicide, police-involved shootings, and media sensitive incidents).

The lead instructor is Lt. Brian T. McDonough Ret., Former Commanding Officer for the Maine State Police Southern Major Crimes Unit. He has investigated or oversaw the investigation of over 900 death cases. Assisting is Former Supervisory DEA Agent and present Attorney, Mike Cunniff.

This class will:

- Discuss the initial actions of patrol and the initial Investigation of Major Crimes including: Homicide, Child Deaths, Suicides, Missing Persons, Bank Robberies, GSA, Police Use of Deadly Force, and more
- Cover Crime Scene Approach, Entry, Control, and Protocol for Major Case Crime Scene Policy
- Review Investigative Protocol
- Discuss Why Things Go Wrong on Major Cases
- Discuss Evidence & Miranda Issues
- Suggest tips for dealing with Victims, Witnesses and the Media
- List the qualities of a good investigator
- Provide examples of Case Preparation for Judicial Review
- Discuss Strategies for Investigative Organization & Lead-Tracking