



- Forensic Awareness for First Responders
- and Ambulance Service Staff
- A forensic awareness course for first responders and ambulance service personnel.**

“The knowledge and importance of the first attending officer concerning the preservation of evidence and its potential has certainly made me think outside the box.”

Previous course participant

This course will provide basic forensic awareness in the areas of evidence documentation, recovery and preservation relevant to first responders and ambulance service personnel.

Forensic science plays an integral part in the detection and investigation of crime, through the location, recovery and analysis of evidence.

Are you aware of how forensic science may assist you in performing your role?

Are you aware of the diversity of evidence that can be recovered and the part it can play in reconstructing the events of a crime?

Do you understand the importance of recovering and preserving this evidence using suitable forensic methods?

Forensic awareness training can assist you in understanding how modern techniques in forensic science can be utilised in an operational environment.

**Who is the programme aimed at?**

This course is valuable for first responders and ambulance service personnel who require an overview of the ways in which forensic science is relevant to their profession.

**How will the course be delivered?**

This is a one day course which will be delivered in small groups (12-16 people is ideal). The course will combine interactive methods using presentations, group activities and hands-on activities with time for group discussions and practical issues.

We are happy to work with you to customise the course to best meet the training needs of your staff, for example by incorporating examples and case studies of particular relevance to your working environment.

**What does the training offer?**

A typical one day course will start with a brief introduction to forensic science including an overview of the operational relevance of forensic awareness. Protecting and documenting scenes of incidents will be covered, providing you and your staff with both theoretical knowledge and practical skills in these areas.





"I enjoyed everything and found it very interesting. [I enjoyed] the fact that real cases were involved. [I enjoyed] the court interaction. [I enjoyed] the fact that it was relevant to my job role and will help me improve my working practices."

Previous course participant.

An introduction to courtroom skills relating to a crime scene incident will also be provided.

We will discuss and agree the exact content of the training with you prior to delivery but suggested topics include:

- The involvement of emergency personnel at crime scenes
- The role of the first officer at the scene
- Scene preservation
- Contamination, continuity and integrity
- Packaging and handling
- An overview of the national DNA database

#### What will the course offer me and my colleagues?

The course will provide you and your colleagues with a greater appreciation and understanding of the role of forensic science. It will better equip you to maximise the recovery, preservation

and integrity of evidence as part of, and immediately after, the "first response" to a crime.

**"Once potential forensic evidence is lost, it has gone forever"**

#### Why Staffordshire University?

The training will be delivered by experienced professional forensic science practitioners and academics, whose expertise spans a number of subject areas. Staffordshire University is one of the first four universities to gain Forensic Science Society accreditation for undergraduate degrees and the first to be granted this accolade for its postgraduate courses (MSc, PgD and PgC).

This course can be delivered either at a location of your choice or in our modern facilities at Staffordshire University. As part of our extensive resources we have a fully refurbished Crime Scene House, complete with CCTV and an observation room. This enables us to provide simulated crime scene scenarios to enhance your learning during the training programme.

**"The forensic analysis course provided by Staffordshire University was probably the most surprising course I have ever purchased for my staff teams and certainly a first in my time as a prison director. The upside to this was the significant improvement in all staff's handling of potential crime scenes and preservation of evidence. The net result is another development in the staff skill base and one that attracts the acknowledgement of partner agencies. This course is fun, factual and presented superbly, and I recommend it without reservation."**

Wyn Jones – Regional Manager Northern Australia - Serco

To find out more information including costs and availability as well as to discuss your individual needs please contact.

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