Lesson Plan

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| Course Title | Investigating Cold Sexual Assaults:  Creating an Effective Criminal Justice Response |
| Suggested Time | Delivery Specific: 8 or 16 training hours |
| Objectives | At the conclusion of this unit, the participant will be able to:   * Create a cold case sexual assault investigative strategy * Understand the Multi-Disciplinary approach to cold cases * Develop objectives and goals of cold case sexual assaults * Organize and prioritize unsolved cases * Assess and review cold case DNA hits * Develop an investigative plan for cold DNA hits * Understand the victim concerns and issues in cold hits * Evaluate crime scenes and other forensic evidence in cold cases * Understand DNA examinations and limits * Create an interview strategy for victims, witnesses, and suspects * Organize and prepare your case for trial |
| Scope | This training addresses the investigation of cold case sexual assaults and provides training for managing DNA hits on untested sexual assault kits. It provides best practices for developing a cold case investigative strategy which includes the overall managing cold case investigations, case review, crime scene interpretation, understanding forensic evidence, CODIS hit follow up, interviewing strategies, and court preparation/prosecution. This course will provide the attendees with fundamental knowledge in CODIS hit follow up, DNA, crime lab capabilities and analysis, preparing your case for court and properly closing a case. |
| Methods | Instruction will combine lecture, group discussion, investigative activities, audio and video examples, and case studies to maximize the learning environment and to improve the knowledge, skills, and abilities of training participants. |
| Training Aids  16 HOUR COURSE | PowerPoint/Handouts/Cold Case Practical/Pre and Post Test    Instructional times can be adjusted depending on the class, student discussion, and amount of time available for each unit of instruction. See attached outlines for additional details.  Welcome and Course Overview .5 hour  Case Study Examples 1 hour  Cold Case Principles 2 hours  Review of Cold Cases 3 hours  DNA/Crime Lab Analysis/CODIS FollowUp 2 hours  Cold Case Evidence Review 1 hour Case Follow up/Interviewing 2 hours Prosecution and Court Related Issues 2 hours  Case Closures 1 hour  Practical Case Reviews 1 hour  Course Discussion and Review .5 hour |
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