

EXPLORING THE ROLE OF OFFENDER BEHAVIOR IN SOLVING CRIMES

WHEN

Aug 18 - Aug 19, 9:00am - 4:00pm

WHERE

Expert Witness Testimony Center & Crime Scene Lab Cedar Crest College
100 College Drive, Allentown, Pennsylvania, 18104

DETAILS

Who Should Attend: Law enforcement, detectives, investigators, lab personnel, coroners, and medical examiners

Fee: No Cost! (Generously sponsored by a DOJ Grant)

Lodging: Holiday Inn Allentown – Bethlehem by IHG, 4325 Hamilton Blvd., Allentown, PA 18103, 866-994-7255

Instructors: Patrick J. Zirpoli

Course Overview

This course explores crime assessment as a method of criminal behavior analysis used to evaluate evidence, offender actions, and crime scene characteristics to better understand criminal motives, methods, and opportunities. Participants will examine major offender sub-types (Power-Assertive, Power-Reassurance, Anger Retaliatory, and Anger-Excitation) across the criminological continuum and learn how behavioral patterns can help investigators narrow suspect pools, connect related crimes, and develop effective investigative and interview strategies. Through real-world case studies, the course demonstrates how criminal behavior analysis can support investigations involving violent, sexual, and non-sexual crimes.

The course was developed utilizing the research that was conducted by Richard D. Walter, Forensic Psychologist, and Robert D. Keppel, retired Chief Criminal Investigator for the Washington State Attorney General's Office.

Training Highlights

- Foundations of criminal behavior analysis and crime assessment
- Understanding offender sub-types and behavioral patterns
- Interpreting crime scene evidence and offender actions
- Identifying motives, methods, and opportunities through the crime continuum
- Behavioral analysis in violent, sexual, and non-sexual crimes
- Linking related crimes through crime pattern analysis
- Strategies for narrowing suspect pools and guiding investigations
- Developing effective interview and interrogation approaches
- Case study analysis using real-world investigative examples
- Research-based techniques developed by leading experts in forensic psychology and criminal investigation

Agenda

Day One

9 a.m. – Noon **The Role of Criminal Behavioral Analysis in Solving Crime**

“What Does the Behavior Tell You”

Noon – 1 p.m. Lunch

1 – 2:30 p.m. **Behavior of Power Motivated Offenders**

“What Are the Behavior Traits”

2:30 – 4 p.m. **Power Motivated Crime Scenes**

“What Does the Crime Scene Tell You”

Day Two

9 – 10:30 a.m. **Behavior of Anger Motivated Offenders**

“What Are the Behavior Traits”

10:30 a.m. – Noon **Anger Motivated Crime Scenes**

“What Does the Crime Scene Tell You”

Noon – 1 p.m. Lunch

1 – 2:30 p.m. **Behavior of Sexually Motivated Offenders**

“What Are the Behavior Traits”

Instructor Bios

Patrick began his law enforcement career 34 years ago as a Correctional Officer with the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections before joining the Pennsylvania State Police, where he served until retiring in January 2015. During his career with PSP he focused primarily on criminal investigations, with expertise in homicide, cold case homicide, child abduction, child

abuse, and missing persons cases. His final assignment was as Unit Supervisor of the PSP Criminal Investigation Assessment Unit, where he led a statewide team specializing in violent and serial crimes. He also coordinated cold case homicide investigations across Pennsylvania and supervised investigations and crime assessments involving homicides, suspicious deaths, and equivocal deaths statewide. In addition, he served as Pennsylvania's Amber Alert and Missing Endangered Persons Advisory System Coordinator, working on numerous child abduction cases throughout the Commonwealth. Patrick represented the PSP as a subject matter expert in crime scene assessment, criminal behavior, homicide investigation, equivocal death analysis, cold case homicide investigation, child abduction, child abuse, interview and interrogation, sexual assault investigation, and the Prison Rape Elimination Act.

In 2015, Patrick founded his own business and continues to deliver training in crime assessment, homicide investigation, equivocal death analysis, cold case homicide investigation, child death investigation, sexual assault investigation, Amber Alert and child abduction, missing and endangered persons investigations, and the Prison Rape Elimination Act. He has presented these programs to law enforcement agencies and related organizations across the United States and internationally. Patrick has also served as a guest lecturer for the FBI's Violent Crime Seminar and has spoken at numerous professional conferences, including the American Academy of Forensic Sciences Conference.

Patrick is widely recognized for his expertise, providing law enforcement agencies with expert reports and testimony in homicide trials.

Patrick has shared his expert case analysis through numerous media outlets.