

Pennsylvania State Coroner's Association

Coroner's Basic Education Course

March 11 - 16, 2024

1/23/2024

Monday, March 11, 2024

<u>Time</u>	<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Presentation / Subject</u>	<u>Instructor:</u>
0730 - 0800	30	Registration	Scott M. Grim, Executive Director
0800 - 0815	15	Opening Remarks	Jeremy R. Reese, PSCA President & Scott Grim, Exec. Director
0815 - 0845	30	History of the Coroner's Office	Jeremy Reese, PSCA President
0845 - 1000	75	Pennsylvanis Coroner's Statutes, Laws & Legal Issues	Timothy Uhrich, PSCA Solicitor
1000 - 1015	15	Break	
1015 - 1130	75	Completing Death Certificates & EDRS	Lisa Hasselbrook, PA Dept of Health
1130 - 1200	30	Ethics, Morals & Professionalism	Scott M. Grim, Executive Director
1200 - 1300	60	Lunch	
1300 - 1400	60	Types of Deaths Investigated by the Coroner's Office	Scott M. Grim, Executive Director
1400 - 1415	15	Break	
1415 - 1515	60	The Roles & Duties of the Coroner (Aspects & Concerns from the Urban & Rural Coroner)	Jeremy R. Reese, PSCA President & Zachary R. Lysek, Northampton County Coroner
1515 - 1615	60	Convening an Inquest	Jeremy R. Reese, PSCA President
1615 - 1630	15	Break	
1615 - 1700	45	Media Relations & Social Media in the Coroner's Office	Jeremy R. Reese, PSCA President
1700 - 1800	60	Aspects of Organ & Tissue Donation in the Coroner's Office	TJ Roser, CORE, Dr. Jennifer Hammers, Forensic Pathologist & Mandy Tinkey, ACOME
	645	10.75 Hours	

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

0800 - 0815	15	Q & A Session	Scott M. Grim, Executive Director
0815 - 0915	60	Mass Disaster / Casualty Investigations & Proper Identification Methods	Charles Kiessling, Lycoming County Coroner
0915 - 1000	45	Making Proper Death Notification	Charles Kiessling, Lycoming County Coroner
1015 - 1015	15	Break	

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1015 - 1115	60	Indoor Death Scene Investigations	Jeffrey Lees, Cambria County Coroner
1115 - 1215	60	Outdoor Death Scene Investigations	Jeffrey Lees, Cambria County Coroner
1215 - 1315	60	Lunch	
1315 - 1445	90	Death Scene Photography & Practical	Charles Hall, Cumberland County Coroner
1445 - 1500	15	Break	
1500 - 1600	60	Drug Related Death Investigations, Safety Precautions & Contamination Prevention	Allegheny County County Forensic Laboratory
1600 - 1615	15	Break	
1615 - 1715	60	Forensic Odontology	TBD
1715 - 1730	15	Q & A Session	Scott M. Grim, Executive Director
570		9.5 Hours	

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

0800 - 0815	15	Q & A Session	Scott M. Grim, Executive Director
0815 - 0915	60	Natural Death Investigations	Jerry Overman, Jr., Indiana County Coroner
0915 - 1045	90	Proper Handling of Personal Property & Evidence	Richard Johnson, Lawrence County Coroner
1045 - 1100	15	Break	
1100 - 1200	60	Forensic Anthropology	Dr. Andrea Palmiotto, Forensic Anthropologist, Indiana University of PA
1200 - 1300	60	Lunch	
1300 - 1430	90	Forensic Autopsy Procedures & Autopsy Photography	Allegheny County Medical Examiner's Office, Operations Staff
1430 - 1445	15	Break	
1445 - 1545	60	Suffocation, Strangulation, Drowning & Hanging Related Deaths	Dr. Willis Ennis, Forensic Pathologist
1545 - 1600	15	Break	
1600 - 1700	60	Sharp Force & Incised Wounds	Dr. Alfonzo Halfin, Allegheny County Medical Examier's Office
1700 - 1715	15	Q & A Session	Scott M. Grim, Executive Director
555		9.25 Hours	

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Thursday, March 14, 2024

0800 - 0815	15	Q & A Session	Scott M. Grim, Executive Director
0815 - 0915	60	Forensic Autopsy Procedures, Blood Specimen Collection & Practical	Allegheny County Medical Examiner's Office, Operations Staff
0915 - 1000	15	Break	
1000 - 1100	60	Investigating Motor Vehicle Fatalities	Cpl. Todd Stephenson, Pennsylvania State Police
1100 - 1115	15	Break	
1115 - 1215	60	Gunshot Wounds	Dr. Todd Luckasevic, Allegheny County Medical Examiner's Office
1215 - 1315	60	Lunch	
1315 - 1445	90	Forensic Toxicology	Allegheny County Medical Examiner's Office, Operations Staff
1445 - 1500	15	Break	
1500 - 1615	75	Blunt Force Injuries	TBD
1615 - 1630	15	Break	
1630 - 1730	60	Fire & Explosion Related Scene & Death Investigations	Chief Deputy Donald Brucker, Fire Marshal, Allegheny County Emergency Services
1730 - 1830	60	Thermal & Burn Related Injuries	TBD
600		10.0 Hours	

Friday, March 15, 2024

0800 - 0815	15	Q & A Session	Scott M. Grim, Executive Director
0815 - 0930	75	Infant & Child Death Investigations	Scott E. Lynn, Montour County Coroner & Breanna Dewalt, Montour County Chief Deputy
0930 - 0945	15	Break	
0945 - 1045	60	The Importance of Infant & Child Forensic Autopsies	Dr. Jennifer Hammers, Forensic Pathologist
1045 - 1100	15	Break	
1100 - 1200	60	Handling & Investigating Hospital and Nursing Home Deaths	Scott E. Lynn, Montour County Coroner
1200 - 1300	60	Lunch	
1300 - 1400	60	Proper Handling of Unclaimed Remains	Zachary R. Lysek, Northampton County Coroner
1400 - 1415	15	Break	

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1415 - 1545	90	Ruling on Cause & Manner of Death	Mandy Tinkey, Allegheny County Lab Director
1545 - 1600	15	Break	
1600 - 1700	60	Courtroom Testimony	Scott M. Grim, Executive Director
1700 - 1800	60	Mental Wellness in the Coroner's Office	Mandy Tinkey, Allegheny County Lab Director
600		9.75 Hours	

Saturday, March 16, 2024

0800 - 0900	60	Course Review	Education Committee Members
0900 - 1200	180	Final Examination	Scott M. Grim, Executive Director
240		4.0 Hours	

Classroom Lectures: 44.0

Lunch: 5.0

Breaks: 4.25

Total Hours: 53.25

Hotels reservations can be made at the Hampton Inn & Suites Pittsburgh Downtown, 1247 Smallman St, Pittsburgh. Room rate is \$159.00 per night. When making your reservation, make sure you mention you are with the PA State Coroners Association to receive the special rate.

Hotel link: hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/pitdnhx-pac-070cde4c-ad1a-40a9-9a95-c7ab8f549b2c/