

Instructors

Mark Zabinski - is presently employed as a Criminalist II, Latent Print Examiner for the Rhode Island State Crime Laboratory for the past 20 years. He has 12 years of prior crime scene investigation experience with the Cranston Police Department that includes photography and latent print examinations in Rhode Island. Mark has also been a professional photographer and has been teaching photography classes to crime scene investigators for the past 25 years. Mark is currently certified by the IAI as a Senior Crime Scene Analyst and Certified Latent Print Examiner.

James Clift - is retired Providence Police for the past 31 years and detective's unit for 25 years. Jim has extensive experience in crime scene documentation, evidence collection and latent print comparison. Jim currently is an instructor at the BCI school at URI and several other local colleges and universities.

JoDon Edwards - is presently employed as a Criminalist II, Latent Print Examiner for the Rhode Island State Crime Laboratory for the past 9 years which includes latent print processing and examination to include documentation and photography. JD is currently certified by the IAI as a Certified Latent Print Examiner.



Program Details

****Both workshops are for attendees who have not attended BCI School**

Registration

Email (jodoned@uri.edu) or fax
Registration Form to:

*Rhode Island State Crime Lab
41 Lower College Rd
Kingston RI, 02881
Fax: 401-874-4868*

Checks payable to:
University of Rhode Island

Last day to register: June 2nd, 2025

Location:

Workshops 1 & 2
*Rhode Island State Crime Lab
41 Lower College Road
Fogarty Hall, Rm 28
Kingston RI 02881*

Contact/Additional Information

J.D. Edwards
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Website: <http://web.uri.edu/riscl/>

Go to website for more detail on the workshops listed.



Dennis C. Hilliard
Director

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The Rhode Island State Crime Lab in conjunction with the Rhode Island Criminalistics Association and URI Special

Programs is hosting two Forensic Science summer workshops. The two Forensic Science workshops were developed to provide additional educational opportunities for investigators. The Rhode Island State Crime Lab recognizes the need for courses that reintroduce the proper techniques for collection and preservation of evidence found at various types of crime scenes.



Workshop Descriptions

Workshop #1

Basic Photography Workshop

This workshop will review basic photography techniques with several exercises. Followed by Close-up to include fingerprint and footwear techniques. This workshop is for the seasoned investigator or someone just learning. (25 students max)

Workshop #2

Advanced Latent Print Enhancement and Documentation Techniques

The workshop will discuss latent print recovery issues while working in the field. Lectures will center on surface evaluation, recovery, and preservation skills with difficult latent prints. Attendees will conduct exercises to enhance their understanding of textured and contoured surfaces by implementing useful close-up photography techniques and utilizing multiple types of lifting media using magnetic and conventional powders. (20 students max)

Camera equipment is mandatory to include: An SLR camera, zoom and close-up lens, tripod, speedlight, sync cord, SD card and flashlight for Workshop #1 and #2 for hands on exercises.

Sign-up Form

Sign up for:	Date	Time	Price
<input type="checkbox"/> Workshop #1	6/4/25	8-4pm	50.00*
<input type="checkbox"/> Workshop #2	6/11/25	8-4pm	50.00*

Name _____

Agency/Department _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Method of Payment

☐ Check

**Lunch will be provided*

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