Environmental Forensics and Crime Scene Investigation Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Environmental Management and Conservation	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Apply forensic principles to the **environmental crime scene investigation** process.
2. Identify, document, and properly collect **environmental forensic evidence** in various media
3. Utilize **remote sensing and GIS** for the initial assessment and mapping of large-scale pollution events.
4. Conduct a thorough **pollution source tracing** investigation using chemical fingerprinting and advanced analytical techniques.
5. Perform a comprehensive **environmental risk assessment** to determine the potential impact of a hazardous substance release.
6. Establish the **chain of custody** for environmental samples to ensure admissibility in a court of law.
7. Analyze and interpret complex data from **forensic toxicology and chemistry** to link a suspect to an environmental violation.
8. Reconstruct the timeline of an environmental incident through **event reconstruction** and physical evidence analysis.
9. Integrate scientific findings with legal frameworks to prepare a robust **case report and expert testimony**.
10. Differentiate between legal and illegal polluting activities and their respective evidentiary requirements.
11. Develop and implement a safety plan for responding to and investigating **hazardous material crime scenes**.
12. Conduct effective interviews and interrogations of witnesses and suspects in an **environmental crime investigation**.
13. Leverage **digital forensics** to uncover evidence related to electronic waste disposal and other cyber-environmental crimes.

Organizational Benefits

- Elevate your team's capability to effectively respond to and investigate complex environmental incidents, reducing external consultation costs.

- Minimize legal and financial risks by ensuring all investigations are conducted to the highest legal and scientific standards, producing admissible evidence.
- Empower staff with a standardized, systematic methodology for evidence collection and analysis, leading to more efficient and successful investigations.
- Ensure your organization is equipped to handle investigations that meet or exceed the requirements of national and international environmental law.
- Invest in your workforce by providing them with highly sought-after, specialized skills in a growing field, boosting morale and retention.
- Position your organization as a leader in environmental protection and law enforcement, attracting top talent and strengthening public trust.

Target Audience

1. Environmental Law Enforcement and Regulatory Agents
2. Crime Scene Investigators (CSIs) and Forensic Scientists
3. Environmental Scientists and Consultants
4. Public Health Officials and Emergency Responders
5. Legal Professionals specializing in Environmental Law
6. Corporate Compliance and Risk Management Officers
7. Private Investigators and Security Professionals
8. Academics and Researchers in Environmental Science or Forensics

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Module 1: Foundations of Environmental Forensics

- Introduction to environmental crime and eco-crime typologies.
- Historical context and major legal frameworks in environmental law.
- The role of the environmental forensic investigator.
- Legal and ethical considerations in environmental investigations.
- **Case Study:** The Love Canal Disaster and its forensic aftermath.

Module 2: The Environmental Crime Scene

- Securing and managing a hazardous materials crime scene.
- Documentation techniques: photography, videography, and sketching.
- Systematic search patterns for evidence recovery.
- Health and safety protocols (HAZWOPER) and risk assessment.
- **Case Study:** Investigation of an illegal toxic waste dumping site.

Module 3: Evidence Collection and Chain of Custody

- Proper sampling techniques for soil, water, air, and biological media.
- Packaging, labeling, and preserving environmental evidence.
- Establishing and maintaining an unbroken **chain of custody**.
- Collection of trace evidence and latent prints in environmental settings.
- **Case Study:** The forensic analysis of an oil spill and collection of physical evidence.

Module 4: Advanced Analytical Techniques

- Introduction to forensic analytical chemistry and toxicology.
- Chemical fingerprinting for source identification.

- Using chromatography and mass spectrometry to identify pollutants.
- Analysis of biological indicators (biomarkers) to prove exposure.
- **Case Study:** Tracing a pesticide runoff to its source using chemical analysis.

Module 5: Technology in Environmental Investigation

- Application of **Geographic Information Systems (GIS)** for mapping contamination plumes.
- Utilizing **remote sensing** (satellite and drone imagery) for large-area monitoring.
- Ground-penetrating radar and other geophysical methods.
- Digital forensics and the investigation of electronic waste.
- **Case Study:** Use of drone footage and GIS to document and prosecute an illegal logging operation.

Module 6: Reconstructing the Incident

- Environmental event reconstruction methodologies.
- Integrating forensic evidence to establish the sequence of events.
- Modeling contamination pathways and dispersion.
- Determining the probable cause and intent of an environmental crime.
- **Case Study:** Reconstructing a factory discharge event to prove a pattern of violations.

Module 7: The Legal and Regulatory Framework

- Preparing comprehensive and legally defensible forensic reports.
- The role of the expert witness in the courtroom.
- Navigating the discovery process and cross-examination.
- Understanding admissibility standards for scientific evidence.
- **Case Study:** A mock trial simulation where participants present their forensic findings as expert witnesses.

Module 8: Special Topics and Future Trends

- Investigating wildlife and ecological crimes.
- Forensics of nuclear, biological, and chemical (NBC) threats.
- The future of environmental forensics: new technologies and challenges.
- Public-private partnerships in environmental crime fighting.
- **Case Study:** Investigation of an illegal wildlife trade ring and the forensic analysis of seized items.

Training Methodology

This course employs a dynamic, blended learning approach to ensure maximum knowledge transfer and practical skill development. The methodology includes:

- Interactive Lectures and Discussions.
- Case Study Analysis.
- Hands-on Practical Exercises.
- Mock Crime Scene Simulation.
- Expert-Led Demonstrations.
- Courtroom Testimony Role-Playing.

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

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