



## The WZ Seminar for Lead Homicide Investigators

This 40-hour seminar is modeled on the highly successful 3-day WZ Seminar on DOA: Death Investigations. Since first offered in October 2006, WZ instructors Lou Tessmann and Jeff Pavletic have conducted 65 DOA seminars in 17 states. The new course adds important instructional modules in crime scene analysis, forensic pathology, death certification, interview and interrogation, application of 4th and 5th amendments, false confessions and courtroom testimony.

This comprehensive seminar for lead homicide investigators provides instruction in investigating and prosecuting death cases from the start of the investigation through evidence collection, autopsy, suspect interviews, press conferences, trial testimony and ultimately conviction. It is purposely designed to provide expert "in-the-field" instruction from the "Side of the Badge to the Side of the Scalpel to the Side of the Gavel." Learn state of the art techniques from an ex-Commander of a Major Crimes Task Force, a highly experienced Prosecutor and a leading Forensic Pathologist.

The course will feature interactive lecture and discussions of actual case histories, videos, statutes and laws specific to the state(s) represented by the seminar participants. In addition, this program has been approved by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training & Standards Board to meet the 40-hour course requirements of Illinois Public Act 96-111 (SB 3491) for a training program in death and homicide investigation for law enforcement officers of local government agencies. Illinois Officers completing this training program will be issued a certificate by the State and may be assigned as lead investigators in such investigations.

### Seminar Topics Include:

- Managing and Evaluating the Crime Scene
- Death Notifications
- Investigative Tactics
- Death Certification
- Handling the News Media
- Miranda
- Multiple Methods of Interview & Interrogation
- Cause and Manner of Death - Autopsy
- Development of COLD CASE Leads
- TASK FORCE Operations
- False Confessions
- 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment – Search & Seizure
- 5<sup>th</sup> Amendment – Evidence, GSR, Speaking
- Preparation for and Testimony of Trial

### About the Speakers:

Each class brings together three disciplines; a seasoned homicide detective – Lou Tessmann, CFI<sup>®</sup>, a highly skilled Chief Deputy States Attorney - Jeff Pavletic, and a forensic scientist and lecturer with 16 years of experience - Dr. Manuel Montez, MD.

Lou has conducted thousands of interviews and interrogations and has obtained over 80 homicide confessions during his 25-year career. Jeff's 20 years of extensive trial experience includes over 150 jury trials with a concentration in prosecution of homicides and violent crimes. Manny, a Lake Forest (IL) based physician, forensic pathologist and teaching instructor, is a recognized expert in crime scene forensics, autopsy, and death certifications.

