

## **Lead Homicide Investigator** **In-Service Training Requirements**

Pursuant to Administrative Rules, Lead Homicide Investigators must obtain 32 hours of homicide investigation in-service training within four (4) years of the issue date on their certificate in order to maintain the currency of their certification. Failure to do so will result in the certificate lapsing.

In order to assist law enforcement agencies in accessing the widest possible variety of in-service homicide investigator training for their certified Lead Homicide Investigators (LHI), the Training Board has outlined the types of in-service training that would meet the requirement.

Any training course, or conference, that contains any of the attached key homicide investigators guidelines would meet the curriculum criteria for the required 32 hours of training needed for LHI re-certification. These key homicide investigator training guidelines should be interpreted to allow the agency to select homicide investigator training that fits its individual agency and investigator needs.

The courses do not need to be “Board certified”, however, a certificate of attendance must be provided. **The certificate of attendance must state the organization offering the course, course location, title, date(s) of the training and the hours of training.**

MTUs and academies providing such training can use the following phrase on their training programs/flyers/catalogs to indicate courses which meet the “key homicide investigator training guidelines”:

“The subject matter of this course falls within the key training guidelines for the in-service training requirements for Lead Homicide Investigator.”

It is the responsibility of the agency to maintain documentation demonstrating the provider, location, title, hours, and basic training outline for the course or conference.

**We strongly recommend that you submit your Lead Homicide Investigator Recertification form and paperwork no later than 4 months PRIOR to the date on your certificate.** The form will be posted to the Training Board website no earlier than June 2016.

If there are any questions, please contact Pat Hahn, Manager of In-Service Training, at 217-782-4540 or via email at [Patrick.L.Hahn@Illinois.gov](mailto:Patrick.L.Hahn@Illinois.gov).

## **Key Homicide Investigator In-Service Training Guidelines**

- **Death/Homicide Investigative Techniques**  
From basic homicide investigator course to advanced investigative techniques
- **Types of Death**  
From legal definitions to coroner/medical examiner “manner of death”
- **Specific Death/Homicide Investigations**  
From traffic accidents to child death to domestically related homicides, etc
- **Crime Profiling**  
From victim profiling, VICAP, offender profiling to crime analysis, etc
- **Crime Scene Management**  
From securing the scene to documentation to processing, etc
- **Legal issues**  
From evidence collection to warrants to interviews, etc
- **Interview & Interrogation**  
From basic skills to death notification to ERHI/Miranda, etc
- **Investigative Resources**  
From basic records to crime analysis to social media
- **Investigative Partnerships**  
From coroners to task forces to media relations
- **Case Supervision/Management/Court Preparation**  
From documentation to case preparation to testimony, etc
- **Victims’ Rights**  
From initial contact to family to notifications
- **Ethical/Confidentiality Issues**  
From security of evidence and case files to texts/photos/social media, etc