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## Personal Summary

Darren is an ABMDI certified medicolegal death investigator and an ACFEI certified criminal investigator working with Crawford County Missouri, an author, conference speaker, instructor, and podcast-media producer. He has a background in law enforcement investigations and corporate leadership.

Darren is a certified instructor and criminal investigator with over 30 years experience in the field of law enforcement and death investigations. He holds certification as an instructor for Missouri Department of Public Safety, the Missouri Sheriff's Association, and the Law Enforcement Training Institute - (Missouri University Columbia). Darren is also the lead instructor and founding director of the Death Investigation Training Academy™, and hosts its online podcast-media program for death investigators.

Darren has been married 33 years and together he and his wife have raised three children and now enjoy spending time with their seven grandchildren.

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## Education and Certifications

- Class A – Missouri Law Enforcement Certification
- East Central College – Union, Mo. Criminal Justice
- ABMDI certified medicolegal death investigator
- Certified Criminal Investigator - American College of Forensic Examiners
- Missouri Private Investigator Lic.# 2019024173
- Principles of Fire Investigation – University of Missouri
- Certified CVSA examiner
- Advanced Interview and Interrogations Training – and instructor
- Certified Jail Procedures and Administration through MSA
- Certified by Missouri S.T.A.T in Child Death Investigations
- Certified in Child Sexual Assault Investigations
- Crime Scene Investigator
- Advanced Investigation School
- Advance Homicide School
- Certified in Underwater Search & Rescue and Scene Preservation
- Missouri Department of Public Safety Certified Instructor
- Missouri Sheriff's Association Instructor
- Missouri LETI Instructor
- Past President Missouri Medical Examiner Coroner Association.
- Hundreds of hours training in Patrol and Criminal Procedures.
- Has personally investigated and consulted in thousands of death investigations

## Specialized Skills

- Criminal Investigations
- Teaching and Conference Speaking
- Team Building and Organization
- Scene Management
- Interviews and Interrogations
- Investigation Procedures and Management
- Organizational Management

## Employment History

1986-1990	<i>US Army Military Police</i>
1991-1993	<i>Franklin County Missouri Sheriff's Office</i>
1993 – Present	<i>Crawford County Missouri Sheriff's Office</i>
1998 - Present:	<i>Crawford County Missouri Coroner's Office</i>
2013 – Present:	<i>Cuba Police Department, Cuba, Missouri</i>
2014 - Present:	<i>Death Investigation Training Academy</i>

## Publications

- Autoerotic Fatalities - an investigator's guide to scene interpretation. *March 2015.*
- Investigating Suicide and Self Harm Death *September 2015.*
- Interview and Interrogations *March 2016.*
- C.O.D.E Living Healthy, Happy, and Whole Submerged in Tragedy, Trauma, and Death *January 2018.*

## Media Appearances

*Hell in the Heartland DocuSeries* produced by HLN  
Crime and Law Trial Network  
Clear and Convincing Radio  
America Out Loud Radio Network *A Thread of Evidence Show*

## Professional Affiliations

Missouri Sheriff's Association MSA  
Missouri State Investigators Association (MSIA/MOIA)  
Missouri Coroner and Medical Examiner Association (MCMEA)  
International Association of Coroners and Medical Examiner  
Society of Medicolegal Death Investigators (SOMDI)  
American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators (ABMDI)