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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 34 years and together he and his wife have raised three children and now enjoy spending time with their seven grandchildren.

## Education and Certifications

- Class B – 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  
Law Enforcement Today Podcast  
Criminal Conduct Podcast  
Dayton Daily News  
Gone Cold Podcast  
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)

## Books and Manuals

*Below are books and manuals that I have read, studied, and referenced  
This are not simply books on my shelf but books that I have interacted  
with and studied often.*

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Eliopolus, Louis N. (2003) *Death Investigator's Handbook: Expanded and Updated Edition*. Boulder, CO: Paladin Press.

James, Stuart H & Nordby, Jon J. (2009) *Forensic Science: An Introduction to Scientific and Investigative Techniques 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition*. Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press

Baxter, Everett Jr. (2015) *Complete Crime Scene Investigation Handbook*. Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press

Langley, Natalie R and Tersigni-Tarrant, Maria Teresa A (2017) *Forensic Anthropology: A Comprehensive Introduction 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*. Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press

Geberth, Vernon J (2015) *Practical Homicide Investigation: Tactics, Procedures, and Forensic Techniques 5<sup>th</sup> Edition*. Boca Raton, FL.: CRC Press

Horswell, John (2004) *The Practice of Crime Scene Investigation*. Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press

Osterburg, James W. and Ward, Richard H (1992) *Criminal Investigation: A Method for Reconstructing the Past*. Cincinnati, OH: Anderson Publishing

Giacalone, Joseph L. (2017) *The Criminal Investigation Function: A guide for new investigators 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition*. Flushing, NY: Looseleaf Law Publications

Sauvageau, Anny and Geberth, Vernon J.(2013) *Autoerotic Deaths: Practical Forensic and Investigative Perspectives*. Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press

Dupras, Tosha L., Schultz, John J., Wheeler, Sandra M., Williams, Lana J. (2012) *Forensic Recovery of Human Remains: Archaeological Approaches 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*. Boca Raton, FL.: CRC Press

Dudley, Mary H. (2017) *Forensic Medicolegal Injury and Death Investigation*. Boca Raton, FL.: CRC Press

Tabachnick, Norman, Gussen, John, Litman, Robert E., Peck, Michael L., Tiber, Norman, Wold, Carl I. (1973) *Accident or Suicide? Destruction by Automobile*. Springfield, IL.: Bannerstone House

DiMaio, Dominick J., DiMaio, Vincent J.M. (1989) *Forensic Pathology*. New York: Elsevier

Hazelwood, Robert R., Dietz, Park Elliott, Burgess, Ann Wolbert.(1983) *Autoerotic Fatalities* D.C. Health and Company

Gerdes, Louise (2000) *Serial Killers* San Diego, CA.: Greenhaven Press, INC

Haskell, Neal H. (2008) *Entomology & Death, A Procedural Guide*. Clemson, SC.: East Park Printing

Joseph, Albert Jr. (1995) *We Get Confessions USA: Printing Methods* INC.

Jentzen, Jefferey M., Ernst, Mary Fran, Haglund, William D., Clark, Steven C. (1996) *Medicolegal Death Investigator: A Systematic Training Program for the Professional Death Investigator*. Big Rapids, Michigan: Occupational Research and Assessment, INC.

Wilson, O.W., McLaren, Roy Clinton. (1977) *Police Administration 4<sup>th</sup> Edition*. McGraw-Hill, Inc.

Maloney, Michael S. (2018) *Death Scene Investigation: Procedural Guide 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*. Boca Raton, FL.: CRC Press

Leash, R. Moroni (1994) *Death Notification: A Practical Guide to the Process*. Arkansas City, KS.: Gilliland Printing

Eckert, William G., James, Stuart H. (1989) *Interpretation of Bloodstain Evidence at Crime Scenes*. New York: Elsevier Science Publishing Co. Inc.

Mayhew, Lisa (2012) *Child Death Investigations: Interdisciplinary Techniques From Cradle to Court*. Durham, North Carolina: Carolina Academic Press

Dix, Jay (2001) *Pathology for Death Investigators*. Columbia, MO.: Academic Information Systems

Dix, Jay (2001) *Death Investigator's Manual*. Columbia, MO.: Academic Information Systems

Bundock, Elizabeth A., Corey, Tracey S. (2019) *Unexplained Pediatric Deaths: Investigation, Certification, and Family Needs*. San Diego, CA.: Academic Forensic Pathology International

Laura G. Pettler, PhD. (2017) *Crime Scene Staging Dynamics in Homicide Cases*. CRC Press

Jarvis Hayman and Marc Oxeham (2016) *Human Body Decomposition* Academy Press

## Ongoing Education and Misc Courses (past 5-years)

CVSA Examiner Recertification June 2021

DNA Collections and Identifications Practices May 2021

Interview and Interrogations. May 2021

Investigating Child Abuse Allegations May 2021

Report Writing and Search Warrants May 2021

Child Death Investigation Scene to Court April 2021

Team Wellness- An Approach to Mental Awareness- Aug.7,2020

Advanced Detecting Deception- March 4-6,2020

Missouri CIT 40 Hour Basic Course- Feb 11,20,25 March 5,10, 2020

Lead Homicide Investigator- Nov.11-15,2019

Firearms Training Course- Nov.1,2019

Homicide Investigations- Sep.19,2019

Jail Administration: An Important Link in the Chain of Justice- July 10-11,2019

Defense of Justification- June 15,2019

Racial Profiling- A Fair and Impartial Approach to Law Enforcement- June 14,2019

Communication Building Blocks- June 14,2019

A Tactical Approach to Critical Incidents- June 14,2019

Cognitive Impairment- Overcoming the Communications Obstacles- June 14,2019

Team Wellness- An Approach to Mental Awareness- June 14,2019

Arson Investigations with Practical Exercise- May 21-24,2019

Orlando, FL-Pulse Night Club Shooting- May 21-24,2019

Racial Profiling- May 21-24,2019

Crime Scene Investigations- May 21-24,2019

Suicide and Self-harm Death Investigations- May 21-24,2019

Gang Investigations- May 21-24,2019

Search and Seizure- May 21-24,2019

Narcotics Investigations- May 21-24,2019

Drone Usage for LE Agencies- May 21-24,2019

Interview and Interrogation- May 21-24,2019

Death Scene Investigation After Natural Disasters and Other Weather-Related Events- May 4,2019

2019 Medicolegal Death Investigation Training Conference- April 2-4,2019

Opioid Overdose and Narcan Administration- March 18,2019

Investigation Training- March 1,2019

Firearms Training Course- Oct. 17,2018

Managing Property and Evidence in Law Enforcement- Aug. 28 &29,2018

In Custody Suicide- Aug. 7,2018

Surface and Clandestine Grave Body Recovery- July 16-18,2018

2018 Medicolegal Death Investigation Training Course- April 3-5,2018

Working with Minority Communities- Dec.9,2017

In-Custody Suicide- July 13,2017

2017 Medicolegal Death Investigation Training Course- June 25-27,2017

Practical Medicolegal Death Investigation Training Course- June 7-9,2017

Certified Criminal Investigator- April 10-14,2017

Investigating Infant and Child Death- Sept.16,2016

Interview and Interrogation- May 17&18,2016

2016 Medicolegal Death Investigation Training Course- April 4-5 &6, 2016

Investigating Suicide and Self-Harm Deaths- March 24,2016

Interview and Interrogation- March 22&23,2016