

## **Environmental Crime Forensics**

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The Law Enforcement Agencies in the State of Florida have a new mission and face very dangerous additional tasks that go far beyond traditional crime investigations. In today's world of increased threats of International and Domestic terrorism and unconventional environmental crime Law Enforcement has been forced to undergo tactical and operational changes. The threats have broadened the risks and subsequently agencies have had to increase the training, equipment and technical skills of first responders, emergency management, uniform officers, forensic specialists and investigators. Surveys were sent to Sheriff's Offices and Police Departments across the State of Florida to determine the level of knowledge and investigations of environmental crimes by local law enforcement.