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Course Description:

The 51st Annual Florida Association of Medical Examiners Educational Conference is a vital forum for forensic pathologists, medical examiner personnel, law enforcement, and students looking to expand their knowledge of up-to-date research, best practices, and the latest developments in forensic science and technology.

Learning Objectives:

At the conclusion of this conference, participants will be able to implement current techniques and concepts for a more standardized and thorough death investigation.

When & Where:

September 10, 11, 12, 2025

**Destin-Fort Walton Beach
Convention Center**
1250 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

Registration & Hotel Info:

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District 1 MEDICAL EXAMINER

Deanna A. Oleske, M.D.
Chief Medical Examiner

Accreditation and CME Credit:

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of the **Florida Medical Association (FMA)** and the **Florida Association of Medical Examiners**. The **Florida Medical Association** is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The FMA designates this live activity for a maximum of **18.00 AMA PRA Category 1 credit(s)**TM. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

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Law Enforcement agencies may use this course to satisfy Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Criminal Justice Standards and Training mandatory retraining hours. Retain the certificate from this course (or a copy) for your agency for their records for mandatory training hours for each four-year cycle.



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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th



Welcome!

- 08:30 AM - 10:00 AM **FAME Business Meeting** (*members only, non - CME*)
- 09:30 AM - 10:00 AM **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
- 10:15 AM - 12:00 PM **Session 1: Scene Investigation & Photography**
- 1.1 **Deadly Products and Saving Lives: Medicolegal Death Investigations of the Scene and Reporting to the Consumer Product and Safety Commission**
- Chrissy Nieten, F-ABMDI, Chief Investigator, District 1 Medical Examiner, Pensacola, FL
 - 1.2 **Practical Scene Photography: Troubleshooting Difficult Situations**
- Kelly Root, BFA, Forensic Photographer, District 1 Medical Examiner, Pensacola, FL
 - 1.3. **Traffic Homicide Investigations by FHP - Interesting Cases (Not the usual MBFI-A)** - THI Constance Knowles, Florida Highway Patrol, Troop A, Pensacola, FL
- 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM **Lunch** - *Provided in Exhibit Hall (non-CME)*
- 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM **Session 2: Identification and Cold Cases**
- 2.1 **Finding Suzanne: Autopsy, Investigation, Identification and the Prosecution of Keith Jespersen (The Happy Face Killer)** - Lorraine Lopez-Morell, MD, Associate Medical Examiner, District 1, Pensacola, FL, Senior Investigator Kelly Henderson, Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office, and Assistant State Attorney, Michelle Sandler, JD, First Judicial Circuit, Shalimar, FL
- 2:30 PM - 2:45 PM **Coffee Break** - *Exhibit Hall (non-CME)*
- 2:45 PM - 3:15 PM **Session 2 Cont.: Identification and Cold Cases**
- 2.2 **Naming the Nameless: Unidentified Bodies Discovered in the Panhandle**
Koren G. Daniels, MS, Bay County Sheriff's Office, Teaching Faculty, Florida State University, Panama City, FL
- 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM **FAME Breakout Session** (*members only - non-CME*)
- 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM **RECEPTION - Open MIKE Night** (*non-CME*)
Karaoke, Drinks and Tapas on the Veranda

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th



7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

Breakfast - *Provided in Exhibit Hall (non-CME)*

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Session 3: Using Death Investigation Data for Public Health

- 3.1 **Florida's Maternal Mortality Review Committee and the Role of the Medical Examiner** - *Dr. Cole Greves, MD, Chair of Florida's Maternal Mortality Review Committee, Orlando, FL*
- 3.2 **Forensic Epidemiology: D1MEO and Okaloosa DOH Collaborative**
- *Mandy Bricker, MPH, Okaloosa Department of Health and District 1 Medical Examiner's Office, Epidemiologist, Pensacola, FL*
- 3.3 **CDR/CFRP/the SUID and SDY Case Registry: Funding and Updates**
- *Abby Collier, Director at National Center for Fatality Review and Prevention at the Michigan Public Health Institute*

10:00 AM - 10:15 AM

Break (non-CME)

10:15 AM - 12:00 PM

Session 4: Pathology - Technology and Interesting Cases

- 4.1 **Using Artificial Intelligence (AI) as a Scribe for Autopsy Reports: Enhancing Efficiency While Maintaining Accuracy - Work Smarter, Not Harder** - *Iana Lesnikova, MD, PhD, Associate Medical Examiner, District 23, St. Augustine, FL*
- 4.2 **What Comes First? Hypoxia Vs. Hypothermia in Airplane Stowaway Deaths**
- *Erin Ely, MD, Associate Medical Examiner, District 17, Fort Lauderdale, FL*

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Lunch - *Provided in Exhibit Hall ((non-CME)*

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Session 5: Pathology - Historical Impacts and Current Practice

- 5.1 **Cognitive Bias in Forensic Pathology: Types, Errors, and Mitigation**
- *Paul Uribe, MD, Deputy Medical Examiner, Fort Bend County Medical Examiner's Office, Rosenberg, TX*
- 5.2 **Excited Delirium: Cocaine Sex Deaths of Miami in the 1980's**
- *Deanna A. Oleske, MD, Chief Medical Examiner, District 1, Pensacola, FL*

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Break (non-CME)

3:30 PM - 4:45 PM

Session 6 : Mass Disaster and Victim Identification

- 6.1 **The Collapse of Surfside: A Multifaceted Approach to Disaster Victim Identification** - *Heather Walsh-Haney, PhD, Gulf Coast University and Katherine Kenerson, MD, Associate Medical Examiner, District 11, Miami, FL*

5:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Forensic Trivia Night (non-CME)

Buffet, Cocktails, Cutthroat Competition, and Prizes!

- *Hosted by James Fulcher, MD, Chief Medical Examiner, District 7 and Karla Orozco, MS, F-ABMDI, DOO, District 7, Daytona Beach, FL*

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7:00 AM - 8:00 AM **Breakfast (non-CME)**

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM **Session 7: Expert Consultants in Forensic Pathology**

- 7.1 **Neuropathology: Practical Approach to Pediatric Head Trauma Cases**
- Glenn Sandberg, MD, Neuropathologist at Forensic Neuropathology Consultants, LLC, Spearfish, SD
- 7.2 **Cardiovascular Pathology: Cardiomyopathies and Demystifying the Conduction System** - Emily Duncanson, MD, Cardiovascular and Forensic Pathologist at Jesse E. Edwards Registry of Cardiovascular Disease, St. Paul, MN
- 7.3 **Forensic Radiology: Approach to Plain Films, More Than Just Trauma and Retained Bullets** - Jamie Elifritz, MD, Radiologist, Partner and Chief Medical Officer at Forensic Radiology Group, Destin, FL

10:00 AM - 10:15 AM **Break (non-CME)**

10:15 AM - 12:00 PM **Session 8: Pathology - You Don't Know What You Don't Know**

- 8.1 **Second Autopsies and Exhumations - How to Approach Them, Expectations, and What Can Be Gained** - Jay Radtke, MD, Chief Medical Examiner, District 14, Panama City, FL
- 8.2 **SCUBA Diver Fatalities in the Panhandle** - Michael Pagacz, MD, Associate Medical Examiner, District 1, Pensacola, FL with Diver Alert Network

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM **Lunch - (non-CME) - with Speaker Joe Zarzaur**

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM **Session 9: Testify! Becoming a Better Witness**

- 9.1 **Civil Medical Investigation of Wrongful Deaths** - Evan P. Malone, MD
- 9.2 **Asserting your Knowledge as an Expert Witness and Medical Doctor in Criminal Testimony: Because Lawyers Always Think They Are So Smart**
- Michelle Sandler, JD, Assistant State Attorney, Circuit 1, Shalimar, FL

3:00 PM - 3:15 PM **Break (non-CME)**

3:15 PM - 5:45 PM **Session 9 Cont.: Expert Witness - Special Topics**

- 9.3 **You Shot Me, Dog! A Review of Accidental Gunshot Fatalities**
- Brandy Shattuck, MD
- 9.4. **Training Tomorrow's Expert Witnesses: Inside GBI's Innovative Legal C Curriculum for Forensic Pathology Fellows** - Rachel Geller, M.D., Associate Medical Examiner, Forensic Pathology Fellowship Program Director, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Atlanta, GA

5:45 PM - 6:00 PM **Closing Remarks (non-CME)**

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM **Beach Luau - Dinner, Music, and Cocktails (non-CME)**
The Island Resort at Fort Walton Beach, 1500 Miracle Strip Pkwy