# Investigating Cases of Child Homicide and Unexplained Deaths of Children

#### Instructor:

Robert Lowery was the 5th police official to be appointed as Commander of the elite 35-year Greater St. Louis Major Case Squad, a multi-jurisdictional violent crime task force concerned with the high profile murder investigations in Missouri and Illinois. Serving 2.5 million citizens across 12 counties. Formed partnerships with Federal Law Enforcement agencies, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United State Marshal Service, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Secret Service and Internal Revenue to maximize resources available for in-progress homicide cases. Robert created the Technical Operations Group, a specially-trained team designed to provide electronic support in tracking and locating suspects. Robert created the Family Liaison Program which provided specially-trained investigators to work with families of victims of homicide cases, investigated violent crimes with 500 Law Enforcement Investigators from over 100 local, county, state, federal agencies and managed high-level murder cases in collaboration with numerous officers and agencies.

Robert is a member of the International Homicide Investigators Association, Quantico, Virginia, United State Department of Justice, Federal Agency Task Force on Missing and Exploited Children, Washington DC, International Coroners and Medical Examiners Association and Federal Bureau of Investigation and National Academy Association.

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## **Investigating Cases of Child Homicide Unexplained Deaths of Children**

This two-day course is designed for law enforcement-homicide and death investigators, coroner/medical examiner investigators (medico-legal death investigators) and those in the child protection field. The instruction will comprehensively examine all aspects of responding to and investigating cases of child homicide and unexplained deaths of children.

#### **Course Overview:**

The Initial Response to the Death Scene Steps for Initiating the Investigation **Determining Cause and Manner of Death** 

Infant Death - SUIDI and SIDS

Shaken Baby Syndrome - Myths vs. Realities

**Doll Reenactments** 

Determining Accidental vs. Intentional Injuries (Child Abuse)

Falls - Head Injuries and Other Signs

Burns - Patterns, Sparing, Severity, Temperature vs. Time

**Common Bone Fractures** 

**Bruises and Contusions** 

Signs of Wounds in Various Stages of Healing

Other Common Injuries

Child Neglect Overview - Contributors to Death

Overview of Child Homicide in the United States

**Current Trends in Child Abduction** 

**Determining False Reports of Child Abduction** 

Common Methods of Disposal of Remains of Children

Identifying Unidentified Remains of Children

Interview and Interrogation Strategies

Victim and Family Issues

Interacting with Families in Crisis

An Overview of Children with Special Needs

Unique Risk - Children on the Autism Spectrum

Deaths by Drowning and other High-Risk Behavior

Other Issues

Case Studies

### Seminar Agenda **Investigating Cases of Child Homicide Unexplained Deaths of Children**

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Tuesday, January 14, 2025

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Registration

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. The Initial Response to the Death Scene

Identifying and Protecting the Scene Steps for Initiating the Investigation

9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **Determining Cause and Manner of Death** Infant Death - SUIDI and SIDS

> Shaken Baby Syndrome - Myths vs. Realities Determining Accidental vs. Intentional Injuries

(Child Abuse)

Falls - Head Injuries and Other Signs

**Abdominal Injuries** 

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Lunch (On Your Own)** 

Thermal Injuries - Patterns, Sparing, Severity-12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Temperature vs. Time "Hot Car" Deaths

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. **Common Bone Fractures Bruises and Contusions** 

Signs of Injuries in Various Stages of Healing

Other Common Injuries

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Child Neglect Overview - Factors Leading

to Death

Overview of Munchausen by Proxy

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Overview of Child Homicide in the United States

**Current Trends in Child Abduction** 

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **Determining False Reports of Child Abduction** 

Common Methods of Disposal of Remains

of Children

Identifying Unidentified Remains of Children

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch (On Your Own) Interview and Interrogation Strategies

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Victim and Family Issues

Interacting with Families in Crisis 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

An Overview of Children with Special Needs Unique Risks - Children on the Autism

Spectrum

Deaths by Drowning and Other High-Risk Behavior

Other Issues - Investigating Reports of Neglect

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Involving Special Needs Children

Case Studies

**Certificate Presentation** 4:00 p.m.

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3901 South Cage Blvd Pharr, Texas 78577

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