



# Franklin County Coroner

County of Franklin, Illinois

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**Marty P. Leffler**  
Coroner

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Chief Deputy Coroner

**August 2, 2019**

**Steve Gilbert**  
Deputy Coroner

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Deputy Coroner

**Steve Leek**  
Deputy Coroner

**Bernie Staten**  
Secretary

**Franklin County Board,**

I am requesting approval to pay room reimbursement and mileage to an upcoming Coroner's Conference in Fairview Heights, IL on the dates of August 6<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> (attached is a copy of the conference flyer). I have room reserved for the nights of August 5<sup>th</sup> thru the 7<sup>th</sup>. The cost of the reservation is estimated with tax and fees at \$271.20. Additional expenses would be my breakfast and lunch expenses (I will pay for dinner myself), and mileage to the conference.

Thank You in advance.

Sincerely,

**Marty P. Leffler**  
Franklin County Coroner

*26<sup>th</sup> Annual*  
**MEDICOLEGAL  
DEATH AND HOMICIDE  
INVESTIGATION  
CONFERENCE**

August 6 - August 8, 2019  
Fairview Heights, Illinois



Sponsored by the  
Illinois Coroners  
and Medical Examiners Association  
Rob Russell, PRESIDENT



Registration for this conference is restricted  
to law enforcement personnel.

## Conference Agenda

### David Newman Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>

- 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Development of a Standard Operating Procedure as it Applies to Suspicious Death Scenes and Agency Structure.
- 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Crime Scene Protocol/ Initial Responsibilities/ Solvability Factors
- 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Crime Scene Evaluation
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 a.m. LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED DURING THIS INFORMATIONAL LECTURE (working lunch) Illinois Violent Death Reporting System (IVDRS) and Statewide Unintentional Drug Overdose Death Reporting System (SUDORS)  
Dr. Maryann Mason,  
Lisa M. Snow, PhD, Community Outreach Coordinator
- 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Sources of Crime Scene Contamination and Prevention
- 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Categories of Circumstantial Evidence and Each Role Played in the Reconstruction
- 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Crime Scene Reconstruction Model Using Scientific Principal
- 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Recognition of Motive and Random Acts of Violence

### David Newman Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>

- 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Medical – Legal – Cause Of Death and Injury Patter Recognition
- 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Specific Types of Crimes to Include:  
a. Domestic Homicides  
b. Homosexual Homicides  
c. Gang Related Homicides  
d. Arson Deaths
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 a.m. LUNCH
- 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Infant Murder Scenes
- 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Analysis of Cold Cases/ Cold Case Reviews

### Andrea Zaferes Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup>

#### Bodies Found in Water Investigations for Coroners and Pathologists

- 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Drowning as a Tragic Accident  
Role of Dive Team and Marine Patrol
- 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. The Drowning Scene
- 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. The Drowning Process
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. LUNCH
- 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. View Video of Statements and Homicide Case Histories  
Post- Mortem Physiology
- 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Child Homicidal Drowning  
Aquatic Eroticism
- 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Investigation Techniques



## Guest Lecturers

### David Newman (retired)



Investigator David Newman is retired from the Norfolk Police Department after 23 years of service. His experience in Norfolk includes over 15 years in the bureau serving both in homicide & forensics and involvement in over 350 death investigations and high profile homicides. Between January and December of 2000 David Newman served as the lead investigator in over 19 homicides and was awarded Investigator of the Year by the Norfolk Police and VFW for that year. He also had the privilege to work with and learn from several outstanding prosecutors both from and outside of the City of Norfolk Prosecutors Office. Some include John Doyle, Jimmy Entas, Phillip Evans and also Paul B. Ebert and Richard A. Conway who were instrumental in the successful prosecution of John Muhammad in Virginia Beach. David Newman attended over 200 hours of advanced death investigation training while serving with the Norfolk Police which included the Southern Police Institute, the International Homicide Investigators Association, the Virginia Homicide Investigators Association, the International Association for Identification, which he still remains a member of, the Naval Criminal Investigative Service on Cold Case Investigation and the Virginia State Division of Forensic Science. While serving in forensics he has handled over 2300 cases and crime scenes including an additional 45 homicide investigations. Investigator Newman received his Bachelors degree from Old Dominion University in 1986 in criminal justice, and has lectured over 3000 hours to law enforcement agencies across the country on the topic of homicide investigation and its related forensic applications. His courses began in 2001 at the request of outside agencies and have been taught in conjunction with the Virginia State Division of Forensic Science and the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. Investigator Newman also instructs basic and advanced forensics at Thomas Nelson College in Virginia, equivocal death scenes at the Virginia State Division of Forensic Science Academy, and is a qualified expert in death investigation and its related forensic fields which include bloodstain pattern interpretation, gunshot residue and trace, wound pattern interpretation and post-mortem interval and crime scene event reconstruction. He has provided hundreds of hours of expert testimony in criminal trial proceedings, and is a nationally recognized speaker and authority on this subject. Outside of his own courses David Newman has been a guest speaker at several conferences and conventions for Federal, State and Local agencies on the topic of crime scene management and how it relates to the suspicious death scene. Several state divisions of the IAI, state police agencies and coroners associations have used David Newman to present various topics at annual re-training seminars and conferences. He also conducts cold case reviews for law-enforcement agencies across the country free of charge providing new leads and directions that assist in bringing these cases successfully to closure. Investigator Newman has also provided recommendations to several prosecuting attorneys' regarding trial preparation, the handling of physical evidence and its proper evaluation and analysis for future presentation in court. He has assisted agencies in establishing proper crime scene protocol based on each agencies method of scene management and access to forensic resources while providing an understanding of how each level within an agency plays a critical role in the overall success of the suspicious death investigation.

Several cases handled by Investigator Newman have received national attention and have been studied by the National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crimes in Quantico Virginia.

David Newman now dedicates his efforts completely to the continuing education and training of law-enforcement personnel at every level who may play a role in a homicide investigation. Inside the Tape was started by law-enforcement in 2001 and will continue to serve and educate law-enforcement agencies on those topics critical in the successful prosecution of violent offenders.

### Andrea Zaferes



Andrea has been teaching dive teams how to find submerged bodies and evidence since 1987, and co-founded nonprofit RIPTIDE to assist law enforcement with homicidal drowning investigations. She is a death investigator with Dutchess City M.E. Office, is a noted author, speaks at Coroner/Forensic conferences worldwide, and received awards such as the DAN-Rolux Diver of the Year.

**Registration Form**

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Title CORONER

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**Registration Fee**

Full Fee..... \$450.00

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**\*There will be two raffles conducted at the end of the day on Thursday, to win your choice of the following: Glock Model 26 (9 mm) Semiautomatic handgun or Glock Model 27 (40 cal) Semiautomatic handgun or \$300.00 cash.**

**Raffle #1 - Every paid registration will be entered into a drawing to win your choice of either the Glock Model 26 (9 mm), the Glock Model 27 (40 cal) or \$300.00 cash. Must be present to win.**

**Raffle #2 - Raffle tickets will be offered during the conference at \$5.00 per single ticket or \$25.00 for six tickets to be eligible to win the Glock Model 26 (9 mm), the Glock Model 27 (40 cal), or \$300.00 cash. Raffle will be held after raffle #1. You do not need to be present to win.**

*\*Only sworn law enforcement officers are eligible to win firearms.  
All others must take cash prize.*

**Continuing Education Credits:** 21 hours for Tuesday thru Thursday will be allowed for Illinois coroners, sheriff's, Indiana law enforcement, coroner personnel, ABMDI, and Ill. Lead Homicide Investigator Re-Certification Training.

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*It is with great enthusiasm that we announce the upcoming presentation of the Twenty Sixth Annual Medicolegal Death And Homicide Investigation Conference, to be held August 6 to August 8, 2019 in Fairview Heights, Illinois.*

*For the law enforcement professional, medical examiner, coroner or anyone involved in the investigation of death from a legal, medical or scientific perspective, MDHIC 2019 promises to be the premier venue for the advanced training this year. A glance at the attendees will attest, participants of this annual gathering gain substantial new capabilities offered by the very best in our field. This conference has become a great place to learn, network and socialize with professionals from all across the country. We invite you to join us.*

*As always, we'll do everything we can do to make your attendance both comfortable and worthwhile. Thank you for your continued interest and participation.*

**David Reed, F-ABMDI**

*Chief Deputy Coroner  
of Moultrie County  
Course Coordinator  
I.C.M.E.A.*

## **Conference Data**

**Location:** The program will be held at the Four Points Sheraton, Fairview Heights, Illinois. Adequate free parking will be available. Four Points Sheraton is conveniently located on Fountains Parkway, 1/4 mile North of the intersection of I-64 and State Hwy. 159 and is easily accessible to I-255, I-55 and I-70. (Be sure to mention you are with The Illinois Coroners and Medical Examiners Association Conference to get the special conference room rate of \$70.00 single or double occupancy.)

**Lodging:** A block of rooms has been reserved at the Four Points Sheraton. Our special conference rates will be \$70.00 plus tax single or double occupancy, \$80.00 plus tax for king occupancy. Reservations may be made by calling 618-622-9500 #2 Sales. Reservation deadline is July 19, 2019. After that date reservations will be accepted as availability only and the discounted group rate may no longer apply. Please identify yourself as a participant in this conference to get the group rate. Four Points Sheraton has high speed internet access, features cordless phone, voice mail, 24 hour business center, casual dining at the Fountains Cafe' serves breakfast, lunch and dinner, Everything you need to relax including indoor pool, whirlpool and complete fitness center.

**Points of Interest:** Casino Queen, The President Casino and The Alton Belle Casinos, Fairmont Park, Thoroughbred Race Track, 1 mile to St. Clair Square Shopping Mall, 12 miles to St. Louis Union Station, Gateway Arch and LaClede's Landing.

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