

Billy L. Scallions

Travis County Sheriff's Office (Retired)
CSI & Evidence Sergeant



Mr. Scallions is an expert in latent fingerprint identification, crime scene photography 35mm, digital video and photography and other areas of crime scene investigation. He has qualified as an expert witness in all levels of court, County, State, and Federal in all areas of crime scene documentation. Has worked with numerous police agencies in the central Texas area including the Texas Rangers in violent crime investigations. In the past twenty-five years has worked over two hundred homicide cases and numerous death related cases, suicides, accidental and natural death scenes.

Professional Credentials

Present assignment: Crime lab, Crime Scene and evidence section supervisor with the Travis County Sheriff's Office in Austin, Texas. Promoted to this position in 1989 and supervise eight employees and also coordinate an internship program for students studying forensics.

Certified Latent Print Examiner 1987

Experienced Deputy Sheriff with the Rank of Sergeant

Earned A Master Peace Officers License

Experienced Instructor with advanced instructors license received in 1987 through the State of Texas.

Written numerous lesson plans for various law enforcement agencies in the central Texas area.

Written policies and procedures in areas of forensics, crime scene investigation and photography for the Sheriff's Office.

Have worked with policy committees in areas of writing procedures pertaining to processing and investigating crime scenes for law enforcement and correctional institutions.

Awards & Accomplishments

From 1982 until present have earned fifteen letters of appreciation for assisting in criminal investigations and police officer instruction.

From 1986 until present seven commendation awards for fingerprint identifications in violent criminal investigations, including one serial rape case and one capital murder investigation, where both suspects were tried and convicted and received life sentences.

Job duties and assignments:

1980 until present employee with the Travis County Sheriff's Office
Began my career in the Corrections Bureau and later transferred to the Crime Scene unit in 1982.

My assignments included Crime Scene Investigation, photography, sketching, collection and processing evidence. Other duties included classifying and searching fingerprints, comparison of unknown with known fingerprints and other duties as assigned.

In 1989 I was promoted to Sergeant of the crime scene unit and evidence sections where I continued until retirement in 2006.

I continue to instruct classes with our agency as well as other agencies in the local areas.

Example: Texas A&M University, Alvin Junior College, Capco police academy and others as time allows.

Education & Training

- 1975-77 Dyersburg State University Criminal Justice Studies
- 1977 Correction officer Basic Training: Tennessee Department of Corrections
- 1979 Advanced officer Training: Memphis University (80hrs).
- 1981 Basic jail operations course: Travis County Sheriff's Office (80 hrs)
- 1981 Received Law enforcement Officer standards and educations certificate as a certified corrections officer
- 1982 Techniques of developing latent prints: Texas Department Public Safety
- 1982 Police photography School: Texas Department Public Safety
- 1982 Identification Officer Class Texas Department Public Safety
- 1983 Advanced Latent fingerprint course Texas Department Public Safety
- 1983 Disturbance Control Training Federal Bureau Investigation
- 1983 Hostage negotiation Class Texas Department public Safety
- 1983 Basic Police Science Southwest Texas University
- 1984 Investigation of assault and death scenes Texas Department Public Safety
- 1985 Death related case investigation Travis County Sheriff's Office
- 1985 Identi-kit System Class Identi-kit Company Inc
- 1986 Collection and Preservation of Evidence Tx.Am University
- 1986 Advanced Admin. Latent Fingerprint SchoolReceived
- 1987 Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards Instructor class
- 1988 Laser chemical Processing Techniques Omnichrome Inc.
- 1988 Arrest, search and seizure class Travis County Sheriff's Office
- 1989 Laser Workshop Texas Department Public Safety
- 1989 Interpersonal Violence Class Texas Department public Safety
- 1990 Management leadership course Travis County Academy
- 1990 Complaints/Statements & Confessions Travis County Academy
- 1991 Advanced Management/leadership course Travis County Academy

1991 Technical Writing Course Travis County Academy
1993 Practical Homicide Investigation PHI Investigative Inc.
1996 Physical Evidence Course/ International Protection Inc.
1998 Managing Law Enforcement Evidence systems Flores Consulting Inc
1999 Homicide Investigation and Blood Spatter/ Public Agency Training Inc
2000 Criminal and crime scene searches University/ Texas Austin
2005 Study of NEW TRENDS IN FORENSICS Tarrant County ME's office
Over 3500 hours of classroom and university training hours in all areas of forensic science.

2000 until retirement continued courses in management and AFIS studies through the Travis County Sheriff's Academy and Austin Texas Police Department. Average training hours yearly: 40 hours to 80 hours each year.

Able to offer Police Instruction through-out the mid-west part of the United States, which would include Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri and Arizona.

Courses of instruction would include Crime Scene Investigation, basic or advanced:

Property and Evidence Management
Homicide Investigation
Latent Fingerprint Identification
Fingerprint Processing Techniques

Consulting in areas of Sex Offender registration, Crime Scene procedures, forensic evidence documentation, and fingerprint identification.

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