Michigan State Police Training Academy

Training Announcement

Digital Photography for the First Responder

Digital Photography for the First Responder is a 4-hour course designed to train police officers in the proper use of compact point-and-shoot digital cameras to best document injuries, accident scenes, crime scenes, disasters, and other emergency situations. This course does not provide detailed crime scene/evidentiary photographic principles and techniques. Officers will learn capabilities, controls, and modes of operation for point-and-shoot digital cameras. At the end of this course, the officer will have learned the following:

- Significance of digital imaging verses film to law enforcement
- Familiarization with their equipment, maximizing camera features, pre-patrol equipment preparation, and use of incident identification cards and shooting logs
- How to ensure images are in-focus and are properly exposed, images are properly lit, what to photograph and document on first arrival, how to store and protect the images, the importance of establishing and following a digital workflow, and much more
- The importance of digital image integrity and essential department policies to ensure digital image integrity is maintained will be discussed

***Please note this class is for compact point-and-shoot cameras—it is NOT a class for digital single lens reflex (DSLR) cameras.**

EQUIPMENT: Students will be required to bring the following items to class:

- Department digital camera and camera manual
- Current policies for photography or digital image integrity
- Any accessories available, such as tripods, external lighting, etc.

DATES:
May 4, 2010 - 8 AM to 12 Noon
May 4, 23, 2010 - 1 PM to 5 PM
May 5, 2010 - 10 AM to 3 PM
All training sessions are held at the Michigan State Police Training Academy.

COST: Cost for this class is $65 per student. Class size is limited to 15 per class. Attendance is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please mail payment to Eric Johnson, Forensic Photography Services, 11400 Blue Spruce Drive, Fowler, Michigan 48835.
302 Funds are available for MSP enlisted.

REGISTRATION: Fax completed registration form to Ms. Sheila Cowles at 517-322-6363.
You will receive a confirmation e-mail.
For more information, contact Ms. Sheila Cowles at 517-322-5174.