

Sample Course Objectives

Training objectives should be written as measurable, observable, and limited in time. The objectives should be presented as an action statement, such as “At the completion of training, the trainee will be able to...”

Latent Prints

Learning Goal: The trainee will possess the knowledge and skills required to process minor crime scenes for latent prints using powder. The trainee will recognize situations that require the use of other processes for developing latent prints.

Performance Objectives: At the completion of training, the trainee will be able to:

1. Describe the value of fingerprint evidence, define the term latent print, and explain the difference between a latent print and a rolled print.
2. Identify on a visual, model, or real person the four areas of the body which bear identifiable ridge structure.
3. Describe how a latent print is left on an object.
4. List the three categories, which describe the relative visibility of latent prints and give an example of each.
5. Describe how the visibility and retention of a latent print is affected by conditions associated with human and non-human factors.
6. Describe and demonstrate techniques for searching a non-porous surface for latent prints.
7. Given a list of possible areas and/or diagram of a crime scene, indicate primary search areas for latent prints.
8. Given a series of commonly encountered non-porous surface materials, be able to locate a latent print on each.
9. Select from a list, photograph, or collection of items, those that should **not** be processed for latent prints in the field and indicate reasons.
10. Describe and demonstrate the proper procedure for developing latent prints, including the selection and use of proper materials and techniques. Minimally, this will include the use of both gray and black powder in the lifting of latent prints from both flat and curved surfaces.