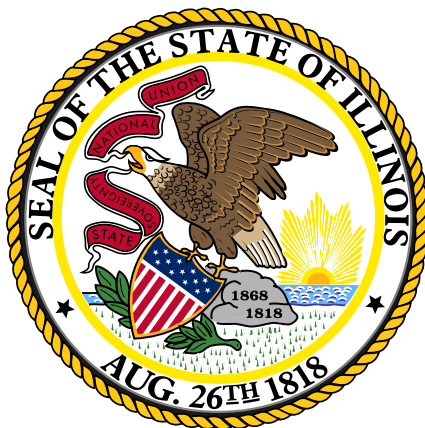


*32<sup>nd</sup> Annual*  
**MEDICOLEGAL  
DEATH AND HOMICIDE  
INVESTIGATION  
CONFERENCE**

August 11-12, 2026  
Collinsville, Illinois



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Illinois Coroners and  
Medical Examiners Association  
David Harris, President



*Who should attend: Medical Examiners/Coroners,  
Medicolegal Death Investigations, Law Enforcement,  
Scene Investigators, Prosecutors, Forensic Nurses,  
Crimes Against Children Practitioners,  
Fatality Review Task Force members and  
others who work in the field of death investigation.*

# Conference Agenda

## Tuesday, August 11, 2026

- 7:00 a.m. *Registration*
- 8:00 a.m. - 8:10 a.m. *Welcome & Introductions*  
*David Harris, ICMEA President*
- 8:10 a.m. – Noon *Crime Scene Processing & Evidence Collection*  
*Lurena Huffman, Forensic Consultant & Investigator*
- Noon – 1:00 p.m. *LUNCH BREAK*
- 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. *Managing Physical Evidence & Preservation*  
*Lurena Huffman, Forensic Consultant & Investigator*
- 3:00 p.m. – 4:50 p.m. *Managing Physical Evidence & Preservation*  
*Lurena Huffman, Forensic Consultant & Investigator*
- 4:50 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. *Debriefing*  
*Patrick J. Zirpoli*

## Wednesday, August 12, 2026

- 8:00 a.m. – 8:10 a.m. *Introduction*  
*Patrick J. Zirpoli*
- 8:10 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. *Aspects of a Child Fatality Investigation*  
*Patrick J. Zirpoli*
- 10:00 a.m. – Noon *Interviewing Traumatized Victims/Witnesses*  
*Patrick J. Zirpoli, Investigative Consultant*
- Noon – 1:00 p.m. *LUNCH BREAK*
- 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. *Crime Scene Staging in Child Fatality Investigations*  
*Patrick J. Zirpoli, Investigative Consultant*
- 3:00 p.m. – 4:50 p.m. *Behavioral Aspects of an Offender & Interviewing Techniques*  
*Patrick J. Zirpoli, Investigative Consultant*
- 4:50 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. *Debriefing*  
*Patrick J. Zirpoli, Investigative Consultant*

## **Patrick J. Zirpoli**



Patrick began his career 34 years ago within the law enforcement industry as a Correctional Officer with the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections, he ultimately joined the Pennsylvania State Police, from which he retired in January of 2015. Throughout his career with the state police, he worked primarily in criminal investigation specializing in homicide investigation, cold case homicide investigation, child abduction, child abuse and missing persons.

Patrick's last duty assignment was as the Unit Supervisor of the Pennsylvania State Police, Criminal Investigation Assessment Unit. He was responsible for the coordination of a statewide Criminal Investigation Assessment Unit, which specialized in crimes of a violent or serial nature. He supervised and participated in the investigation and analysis of crime assessments relating to homicides, suspicious deaths, and equivocal deaths on a statewide basis.

Along with his experience in the field, he served as the Training Coordinator for the Criminal Investigation Assessment Unit. Patrick has had the opportunity to create multiple courses in various subjects, including Crime Assessment, Homicide Investigation, Equivocal Death Analysis, Cold Case Homicide Investigation, Child Death Investigation, Sexual Assault Investigation, Amber Alert/Child Abduction, Missing and Endangered Persons Investigations, and the Prison Rape Elimination Act. These courses have been taught to law enforcement agencies and related groups throughout the United States and internationally. He has been a guest lecturer for the FBI at the Violent Crime Seminar, as well as a lecturer at numerous professional conferences, to include the American Academy of Forensic Science Conference.

Patrick has also provided expert testimony in his areas of expertise. Most recently he was recognized by the Utah 4th District Court as an expert in Crime Scene Reconstruction, Staged Crime Scene and Homicide Investigation.

## **Lurena Ann Cain Huffman, CSCSA**



Lurena Anne Cain Huffman, CSCSA, is an Investigator with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office and a Certified Senior Crime Scene Analyst with over 20 years of experience in forensic science and law enforcement. She has investigated thousands of crime scenes and specializes in crime scene reconstruction, bloodstain pattern analysis, shooting reconstruction, and latent print examination.

Throughout her career, Huffman has supervised forensic operations, managed complex casework, and collaborated with multidisciplinary teams to interpret and present physical evidence. She has provided expert testimony in numerous criminal proceedings, offering clear, scientifically grounded analysis to support investigative and judicial outcomes.

An active participant in professional organizations and forensic conferences, Huffman is dedicated to advancing the field through education, training, and mentorship. Her work reflects a commitment to accuracy, professionalism, and the continual evolution of forensic science practices.

# Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Department/City or County \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

*(Example: SGT, Detective, Investigator, Coroner, Deputy Coroner)*

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

## Registration Fee

Full Fee..... \$475.00

*Please Return Completed Form by Mail or Scan & Email to  
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*Questions: Contact Dave Reed*

Telephone: 217.433.0488

E-mail: coroner79@hotmail.com

**\*There will be two raffles conducted at the end of the day on Wednesday, to win your choice of the following: Glock Model 43 (9 mm) Semiautomatic handgun or Glock Model 43x (9 mm) 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 43 (9 mm), the Glock Model 43x (9 mm) 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 43 (9 mm) , the Glock Model 43x (9 mm), 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:** 14 hours will be allowed for Illinois coroners, sheriff's, coroner personnel and Ill. Lead Homicide Investigator Re-Certification Training. **ABMDI** hours are pending.

## *Welcome to the Conference*

*It is with great enthusiasm that we announce the upcoming presentation of the Thirty Second Annual Medicolegal Death and Homicide Investigation Conference, to be held August 11-12, 2026 in Collinsville, 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 2026 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*

## *Conference Location & Lodging Information*

**Location:** This conference will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Collinsville-St. Louis, 1000 East Port Plaza Drive, Collinsville, Illinois, conveniently located at I 55/70 at Ill 157 (exit 11) and just 30 minutes from Lambert International Airport.

**Lodging:** A block of rooms has been reserved at the DoubleTree by Hilton Collinsville- St. Louis. Reservation deadline for the special conference rate is July 10, 2026. The special conference rate will be \$108.00 plus tax (single or double occupancy). Reservations should be made by calling the hotel direct at 618.345.2800 and reference the Illinois Coroners and Medical Examiners Association group. DO NOT make your reservation through Expedia or any other booking company because you will not get this special rate.



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