

NORTHERN ILLINOIS TRAINING ADVISORY BOARD

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**3-Day NEW DETECTIVE/NEW
INVESTIGATOR**

Date: November 2-4, 2026 **Registration Deadline: October 2, 2026**

Times: 0800-1600

Location: Highland Community College
2998 W Pearl City Road
Freeport, IL

Instructor: LLRMI

Member Fee: \$0 Non-MTU Member – Member Non-Sworn Fee: \$150

This course has been approved by ILETSB for the following mandates:

Civil Rights – 1.0
Constitutional Use of LE Authority – 1.0
Human Rights – 1.0
Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect – 2.0
Sexual Assault Trauma Informed Response – 2.0
Lead Homicide Investigator – 20.0

This 3-day training is designed for the newly assigned detective/ criminal investigator and provides a comprehensive overview of techniques and the investigative steps that are necessary to investigate criminal incidents (no matter the type of crime) whether it be a homicide, child death, sexual crime, property crimes or financial crimes. Applying basic principles of scene preservation, recognizing and applying 4th amendment issues, understanding the type of forensic evidence that may be available, other types of physical evidence and the methods of locating, seizing and preserving for laboratory examinations/data base searches to help identify the person(s) responsible.

While technology (the internet, communications and cellular/smart phone capabilities, security cameras, databases, social media, etc.) plays an important role in today's criminal investigations and may be very helpful in solving cases, we must still rely on traditional methods, such as neighborhood canvasses, developing leads and information, face-to-face interviews of victims and witnesses, understanding criminal behavior and the vital importance of documenting and facts and circumstances into an accurate, understandable and comprehensive report necessary for successful prosecutions and other purposes.

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Today's detective and criminal investigator must be proficient in a wide variety of knowledge and skills – from the basics, such as interview and interrogation to report writing, the ever changing legal requirements, search and seizure and the 4th amendment, crime scene issues, and suspect development while also keeping up-to-date with the latest in science and laboratory capabilities, technologies and data availability to assist in identifying criminals, managing “big data,” and new techniques on forensic evidence like genetic genealogy. The contents of this course will address all of these issues.