

LATENT FINGERPRINT COMPARISON: INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

Host: Texas City Police Department

Date: February 23 - 27, 2026

Time: 8A - 5P (40 hours)

Location: 1004 9th Ave North, Texas City, Texas

Fee: \$695 *** \$795 after February 10th, 2026 ****

No Refund on Early Registration. (substitutions are allowed)

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ABOUT THE COURSE

This course provides an extensive practical application of Friction Ridge Comparisons using both fingerprints and palm prints. Instruction also encompasses the scientific methodologies of examinations on friction ridge impressions as well as the scientific basis for friction ridge identification (individualization). Students will be trained in the presentation of expert testimony as well as courtroom demeanor. The class will then participate in an introduction to moot court presentations. **PREREQUISITES:** Student must have completed a Basic Fingerprint Identification class (40 hrs.) prior to attendance or have the instructor's approval.

ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR



Walter Henson retired as the Manager of the Fingerprint Processing Bureau after over 27 years with the Texas Department of Public Safety. His previous positions included; Automated Fingerprint Identification (A.F.I.S.) Project Assistant, LiveScan Coordinator for the State of Texas, and Forensic Scientist in the Latent Print Section at the DPS Crime Laboratory in Austin, Texas. Walter holds an instructor certification from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement and has taught classes throughout the State on the Development and Comparison of Latent Prints. Walter has conducted advanced training classes at the Texas DPS Academy and made presentations for the Texas Division of the International Association for Identification and the Texas Rangers. Walter has traveled extensively across the state conducting training classes on AFIS and LiveScan. He has been accepted as an expert witness on fingerprint identification and comparison in State and Federal Court. Walter is the past-president of the Texas Division of the International Association for Identification and has chaired several committees for the TDIAI. He is also a member of the AFIS-Internet Organization. Walter continues to teach and consult across Texas and other states.

CLASS CONTENT

Fingerprint Identification * Palm Print Identification * ACE-V Methodology * Friction Ridge Comparisons * Fingerprint Individualization * Fingerprint Pattern Interpretation * Fingerprint Pattern Comparison * Comparison of Latent Fingerprint Impressions * Courtroom Testimony & Demeanor * Moot Court Presentations

SUGGESTED EQUIPMENT & DRESS CODE

Notetaking materials. Clothing appropriate for a law enforcement agency. No flip-flops, shorts, open-toed shoes, or tank tops. **Each student will need to provide a fingerprint magnifier (two are suggested, along with two ridge counters). Standard handheld magnifying glasses are not suitable for this class.**

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