

PALM PRINT RECOGNITION & IDENTIFICATION

Host: Texas City Police Department

Date: May 11 - 13, 2026

Time: 8A - 5P (24 hours)

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

Fee: \$495 *** \$595 after April 25th, 2026 ****

No Refund on Early Registration. (substitutions are allowed)

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ABOUT THE COURSE

This course is for criminal justice personnel, officers and laboratory technicians who work with friction ridge evidence. A basic knowledge of fingerprint recognition and identification is required. No previous experience working with palm prints is necessary. The objective is to train the student in the recognition and identification of the friction ridge detail present on the palms.

PREREQUISITE: Completion of **Basic Fingerprint Identification (40 hrs.)** prior to attending this program.

ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR



Dan Reigstad retired in 2015 with over 22 years of service at the Longview (Texas) Police Department. Dan's last posting was as Senior Latent Print Examiner. Dan is a Certified Latent Print Examiner with the International Association for Identification (IAI) and a registered "Fellow" with the Fingerprint Society of the United Kingdom. He has served as the Chairman of the IA - Texas Division Latent Print Certification Committee. He holds Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Master Peace Officer and Advanced Instructor certificates. He has testified as an expert witness throughout Texas in the field of fingerprint evidence hundreds of times. He now serves as the Assistant Director of the East Texas Police Academy at Kilgore College. Dan continues to teach and consult across Texas and nearby states.

CLASS CONTENT

The Palm Print Recognition and Identification Course is designed to give the student the ability to analyze partial latent palm impressions and make a determination of what region of which hand the impressions are from. With this information now available to the examiner, their latent searches and individualizations will be faster and with more confidence. This will be accomplished by teaching the students the major and minor ridge flows, ridge characteristics, and crease formations present in palm prints. We will also discuss palm print documentation and terms that will greatly assist the examiner in writing ACE-V reports and testifying in court on palm impression identifications. The students will start working with whole palm impressions and through practical exercises, work their way down to smaller fragmented impressions with confidence.

SUGGESTED EQUIPMENT & DRESS CODE

Notetaking materials.

A fingerprint magnifier (suggest 2 & 2 ridge counters). **Standard handheld magnifying glasses are not suitable.**

Clothing appropriate for a law enforcement agency. No flip-flops, shorts, open-toed shoes, or tank tops.

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