

BASIC FINGERPRINT IDENTIFICATION

Host: Texas City Police Department

Date: May 4 - 8, 2026

Time: 8A - 5P (40 hours)

Location: 1891 Forest Lane, Garland,

Texas **Fee:** \$695 *** \$795 after April 25h,

2026 **** **No Refund on Early Registration. (substitutions**

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ABOUT THE COURSE

This course is for criminal justice personnel, officers and laboratory technicians who work with fingerprints and is designed for beginners. No experience is necessary. The objective is to train the student in fingerprint pattern recognition and to compare and identify fingerprints. Instruction on the history of fingerprints, basic physiology of friction ridge formation, the taking of inked fingerprints, basic tools/ methodology used in fingerprint comparison and basic courtroom testimony dealing with enhanced punishment (pen packet testimony) is included. Note: This course does not include work with latent prints. **PREREQUISITE:** None.

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

Introduction to Fingerprints * Fingerprint History * Fingerprint Physiology * Fingerprint Definitions * Fingerprint Pattern Identification * Fingerprint Pattern Interpretation * Fingerprint Pattern Comparison * Recording Inked Fingerprint Impressions * Courtroom Testimony & Demeanor * Introduction to AFIS *

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT & DRESS CODE

Each student will need to provide a fingerprint magnifier (2 are suggested along with 2 ridge counters).

Standard handheld magnifying glasses are not suitable for this class.

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

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