



Criminal Investigation Evidence and Interviewing Training Course

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Overview

Criminal Investigation Evidence and Interviewing Training Course is a five-day advanced course for investigation professionals who leave with a Review-Ready Investigation Evidence Pack. The course connects criminal investigation evidence planning, evidence integrity, chain of custody, investigative interviewing, reliability assessment, and case-file preparation. Participants use structured tools to separate facts, accounts, exhibits, assumptions, gaps, and decisions across criminal, corporate, compliance, and security inquiries. Agile Leaders Training Center delivers this course on criminal investigation evidence and interviewing.

Who Should Attend

- Criminal and corporate investigation functions responsible for evidence-led inquiries
- Compliance and integrity functions responsible for misconduct investigations
- Security and fraud functions responsible for incidents, losses, and suspected wrongdoing
- Legal-support functions responsible for organizing facts, exhibits, and review records
- Supervisory functions responsible for investigation quality and case-file assurance

The course assumes participants already conduct or supervise inquiries, document facts, and handle sensitive information, and it leaves out introductory criminal law and specialist digital forensics.

Departments and Industries

The course supports evidence-led investigation work across public, commercial, and regulated environments.

- Investigation, compliance, integrity, legal, and internal audit departments
- Banking, insurance, payments, and financial-services organizations
- Energy, infrastructure, transport, and industrial organizations
- Retail, hospitality, healthcare, and professional-services organizations
- Public safety, corporate security, and loss-prevention functions

Learning Objectives

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:



- Build an evidence collection and preservation plan
- Apply chain-of-custody and exhibit-control methods
- Use structured investigative interviewing techniques
- Analyze account consistency and evidence reliability
- Diagnose gaps through an evidence matrix
- Evaluate and assemble a review-ready investigation file

Course Agenda

Day 1: Investigation Evidence Strategy

- Allegation-to-Issue Investigation Scope Map
- Lines-of-Inquiry and Decision-Question Framework
- Evidence Source and Collection Priority Matrix
- Legal-Ethical Boundary and Authorization Check
- Evidence Risk and Contamination Control Plan

Day 2: Evidence Integrity and Continuity

- Exhibit Identification and Description Standard
- Chain-of-Custody Chronology Log
- Collection, Packaging, Transfer, and Storage Control Map
- Evidence Access and Exception Register
- Integrity Breach and Corrective-Action Assessment

Day 3: Investigative Interviewing

- PEACE Interview Planning and Preparation Framework
- Interview Objective and Topic Route Map
- Rapport, Explanation, and Ground-Rules Method
- Account Development and Checkable-Fact Technique
- Clarification, Challenge, Closure, and Evaluation Record

Day 4: Reliability and Case Analysis

- Statement Consistency and Corroboration Grid
- Source Reliability and Evidence Weighting Matrix
- Fact-Inference-Assumption Separation Table
- Contradiction, Gap, and Alternative-Hypothesis Test
- Investigation Evidence Matrix and Decision Trail



Day 5: Investigation File Practice

- Suggested Exercise: Evidence Collection Plan Challenge
- Suggested Exercise: Exhibit Continuity Record Review
- Suggested Exercise: Investigative Interview Simulation
- Suggested Exercise: Reliability and Gap Assessment Briefing
- Capstone Exercise: Review-Ready Investigation Evidence Pack

Practical Exercises

The course uses suggested activities to turn allegations, records, exhibits, and accounts into traceable investigation decisions.

- Suggested activity: prioritize evidence sources for a procurement misconduct allegation.
- Suggested activity: repair continuity weaknesses in a security incident exhibit log.
- Suggested activity: plan and conduct a structured witness interview.
- Suggested activity: reconcile conflicting accounts and present unresolved gaps for review.

FAQs

Who suits criminal investigation evidence and interviewing training, and what does it assume?

Criminal investigation evidence and interviewing training suits investigators, compliance and integrity functions, fraud and security teams, legal-support professionals, and supervisors who already conduct inquiries, document facts, and handle sensitive material.

How does criminal investigation evidence training differ from introductory investigation training?

Criminal investigation evidence training applies structured collection, continuity, interviewing, reliability, and case-file controls, while introductory investigation training establishes basic roles, terminology, and inquiry stages.

What makes chain of custody reliable in a criminal investigation?

Reliable chain of custody records each item's identity, collection, transfer, handler, storage condition, access, and exception in chronological order so reviewers can trace its continuity.

How should investigative interviews test an account without leading the interviewee?

Investigative interviews test an account through planned objectives, open prompts, progressive probing, checkable facts, clarification, proportionate challenge, accurate closure, and post-interview evaluation.



What belongs in an investigation evidence matrix?

An investigation evidence matrix links issues and propositions to supporting, conflicting, and missing evidence, identifies sources and reliability, records follow-up actions, and preserves the rationale for conclusions.

Conclusion

Participants leave with a Review-Ready Investigation Evidence Pack containing an evidence plan, continuity log, interview plan, reliability assessment, evidence matrix, gap analysis, and file-review checklist. The pack changes fragmented material into a traceable investigation record. It supports investigators and supervisors when testing conclusions, directing further work, and preparing a file for independent review.