



Idaho State Police Forensic Services



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EDUCATION

06/2014 California State University, East Bay-Hayward, CA
Bachelor of Science in Biology
Minor in Chemistry
Specialization in Forensic Science

05/2007 Ohlone College-Fremont, CA
Associates of Art

EXPERIENCE

03/2018 – Present Idaho State Police Forensic Services
Forensic Scientist II – Latent Print Section

03/2016 – 03/2018 Idaho State Police Forensic Services
Forensic Scientist I – Latent Print Section

Duties include processing evidence items for latent prints using physical and chemical techniques in the appropriate sequence, preserving developed prints using digital photography, comparing developed latents to known exemplars using ACE-V, documenting and reporting results.

06/2013 – 10/2014 Alameda County Sheriff's Office Coroner's Bureau
Volunteer/Internship, Autopsy Technician

07/2013 – 08/2013 Alameda County Sheriff's Office Crime Laboratory
Internship

CERTIFICATIONS

<https://isp.idaho.gov/forensics>

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Revised 12/23

Tara M. Martinez

- 2023 – Present Certified Latent Print Examiner
International Association for Identification
- 2021 – Present Certified Crime Scene Investigator
International Association for Identification
- 2019 – Present Certified Instructor
Idaho Peace Officer Standards & Training (POST)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS; COMMITTEES; WORKING GROUPS

- 10/2017– Present Active Member-Pacific Northwest Division of the International
Association for Identification
- Scholarship Committee (06/2018 – 06/2023)
 - Newsletter Editor (02/2020 – 06/2023)
- 12/2016 – Present Active Member-International Association for Identification

TESTIMONY

State of Idaho, 3rd Judicial District Court
State of Idaho, 7th Judicial District Court
State of Idaho, 2nd Judicial District Court
State of Idaho, 4th Judicial District Court

CONTINUING EDUCATION; ASSOCIATION MEETINGS; CONFERENCES

- 08/2023 International Association for Identification Educational Conference
“Crime Scene Staging: Investigating Suspect Misdirection of the Crime Scene”
4 hrs. Instructor: Grant Graham
- 05/2023 IAI Latent Print Certification Test Preparation Training
Ron Smith & Associates. 40 hours.
Instructor: Debbie Benningfield
- 04/2023 Difficult Latent Print Comparisons
Evolve Forensics. 32 hours.
Instructor: Alice White
- 03/2023 Friction Ridge Symposium: Palms, Plantars, Tips & Toes
Ron Smith & Associates. 40 hours.
Instructors: Jamie Bush and Jon Stimac
- 01/2023 Aquatic Abuse, Death and Homicidal Drowning Investigation Class
Lifeguard Systems. 16 hours.
Instructor: Andrea Zafères
- 05/2022 Practical Answers to Challenging Questions in the Courtroom
Ron Smith & Associates. 24 hours.
Instructors: Glenn Langenburg, Carey Hall and Brendan Max
- 04/2022 Special Topics in Bloodstain Pattern Analysis
Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists. 40 hrs.

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Instructor: Jeremiah Morris

- 08/2021 International Association for Identification Educational Conference
“Fingertips: Comparing High Distal Impressions” 4 hrs.
Instructor: Jon Stimac
- 06/2021 “Comprehensive Latent Print Comparison”
TriTech Forensics. 40 hrs.
Instructor: Deborah Smith
- 04/2020 Idaho State Police
Latent Print Examiner Comparison Training Program
Meridian, ID
- 09/2019 “Bloodstain Pattern Analysis Documenting, Reporting, Presenting”
SeeMore Forensics. 40 hrs.
Instructor: Craig C. Moore
- 08/2019 International Association for Identification Educational Conference
- “Practical Answers to Challenging Questions in the Courtroom” 4 hrs.
Instructors: Glenn Langenburg & Carey Hall
 - “Leucocrystal Violet (LCV) Staining of Bloody Impressions:
Comparison of New vs. Current Application Methods” 3 hrs.
Instructors: Jeremy Alley & Rosanna Caswell
 - “Crease and 3rd Level Details Workshop” 4 hrs.
Instructor: John R. Vanderkolk
- 06/2019 “Instructor Development”
Idaho Peace Officer Standards and Training. 40 hrs.
- 06/2019 “Analysis of Distortion in Latent Prints”
Evolve Forensics. 24 hrs.
Instructor: Alice White
- 05/2019 “Exclusionology: Research and Exercises”
Ray Forensics. 24 hrs.
Instructor: Eric Ray
- 09/2018 “Latent Print Orientation & Search Clues”
Northwest Association of Forensic Scientists Conference. 8 hrs.
Instructor: Cynthia Zeller
- 08/2018 “Advanced Digital Processing of Evidentiary Photography”
Foray Technologies. 12 weeks/40 hrs.
Instructor: David “Ski” Witzke
- 06/2018 “Basic Clandestine Laboratory Safety Training”
NES. 32 hrs.
Instructor: Brian Escamilla
- 05/2018 “Basic Bloodstain Pattern Recognition Course”
SeeMore Forensics. 40 hrs.
Instructor: Craig C. Moore
- 03/2018 “Courtroom Presentation of Evidence”

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- 24 hrs.
Instructors: Raymond J. Davis & Richard J. Konieczka
- 01/2018 “Palm Print Comparison Techniques”
Ron Smith & Associates, Inc. 24 hrs.
Instructor: James Bush
- 09/2017 “Advanced Ridgeology”
Forensic Pieces. 40 hrs.
Instructor: Kathleen Bright-Birnbaum
- 09/2017 “Fundamentals of Drug Crime Scene Investigations”
Midwest Counterdrug Training Center. 40 hrs.
Instructor: Scott Campbell
- 08/2017 “Understanding Exclusion and Sufficiency Decisions”
Ron Smith & Associates, Inc. 36 hrs.
Instructor: John P. Black
- 07/2017 “Digital Photography Crime Scene Training Course”
Federal Bureau of Investigation. 40 hrs.
Instructor: Vance B. Liebelt
- 03/2017 Idaho State Police
Latent Print Examiner Processing Training Program
Meridian, ID
- 02/2017 “Fingerprint Evidence Processing, Collection & Photography”
TriTech Forensics. 40 hrs.
Instructors: Morgan Hays and Lawrence Stringham
- 11/2016 “Foundations of Forensic Photography”
Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service. 16 hrs.
- 09/2016 “New Paradigm for Fingerprint Reporting Live 2”
National Institute of Justice
Forensic Technology Center of Excellence. 1 hr.
- 09/2016 “Ethics and Bias in Forensic Science” Workshop
Northwest Associate of Forensic Scientists Conference
Instructor: Carolyn Gannett. 8 hrs.
- 06/2016 “Professional Orientation School for New Crime Laboratory Scientists”
The Forensic Foundations Group
Instructor: John M. Collins Jr
- 06/2016 “Ethics in Forensic Science”
West Virginia University Continuing and Professional Education
Instructor: Kelly Ayers
- 06/2016 “Using Oblique Lighting for Better Investigations & Photography”
Sirchie Education & Training. 1 hr.

TEACHING; PRESENTATIONS:

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11/2023 "Fingerprints"
Instructor-Idaho POST Academy 208

10/2023 "Fingerprints"
Instructor-ISP ATC Academy 55

09/2023 "Fingerprints"
Instructor-College of Southern Idaho Law Enforcement Program, Idaho POST

07/2023 "Fingerprints"
Instructor-Idaho POST Academy 207

04/2023 "Fingerprints"
Instructor-ISP ATC Academy 54

02/2023 "Fingerprints"
Instructor-College of Southern Idaho Law Enforcement Program, Idaho POST

11/2022 "Fingerprints"
Instructor-Idaho POST Academy 206

11/2022 "Fingerprints"
Instructor-Idaho ATC Academy 53

07/2022 "Fingerprints"
Instructor-Idaho POST Academy 204

04/2022 "Fingerprints"
Instructor-College of Southern Idaho Law Enforcement Program, Idaho POST

11/2021 "Fingerprints"
Instructor-Idaho POST Academy 202

03/2021 "Fingerprints"
Instructor-Idaho POST Academy 200
Instructor-College of Southern Idaho Law Enforcement Program, Idaho POST

11/2020 "Collection and Preservation of Evidence"
"Fingerprints"
Instructor-Idaho POST Academy 199

08/2020 "Fingerprints"
Instructor-ISP ATC Academy 50

02/2020 "Fingerprints"
Instructor-College of Southern Idaho Law Enforcement Program, Idaho POST

10/2019 "Fingerprints"
Instructor-ISP ATC Academy 49

07/2019 "Fingerprints"
Instructor-Idaho POST Academy 195

04/2019 "Fingerprints"
Instructor-Idaho POST Academy 194

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09/2018 “The Effects of Cyanoacrylate Fuming & Rhodamine 6G on Sticky-side Power-Developed Latent Prints”
Presenter-Northwest Association of Forensic Scientists Conference

PUBLICATIONS

“The Effects of Cyanoacrylate Fuming and Rhodamine 6G on the Adhesive Side of Tape when Processing with Adhesive-side Powders” Journal of Forensic Identification, Volume 70, Issue 1.

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