



Idaho State Police Forensic Services



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EDUCATION:

07/2020 Arizona State University – Glendale, AZ
Bachelor of Science – Forensic Science

EXPERIENCE:

12/2023-Present Idaho State Police Forensic Services – Meridian, ID
Forensic Scientist I – Latent Print Section

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

07/2024-Present Active Member – International Association for Identification

CONTINUING EDUCATION; ASSOCIATION MEETINGS; CONFERENCES:

01/2025-Present Idaho State Police Forensic Services
Latent Print Comparison Training Program
Meridian, ID

12/2023-10/4/24 Idaho State Police Forensic Services
Latent Print Processing Training Program
Meridian, ID

10/2025 Basic-Intermediate Digital Image Processing
Foray Technologies LLC. David Witzke, 24 hrs.
Webinar

05/2025 Palm Prints Searching Smart
Ron Smith & Associates. Ron Smith, 40 hrs.
Online Course

03/2025 Comparison of Plantar Friction Ridge Impressions

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

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Dac Tell Innovations. John Stimac, 16 hrs.
Meridian, ID

02/2025 Introduction to the Science of Friction Ridge Examination
Ron Smith & Associates. John Black, 40 hrs.
West Covina, CA

12/2024 Implementing the Expanded OSAC Conclusion Scale
Elite Forensic Services. Glenn Langenburg, 4 hrs.
Webinar

09/2024 Advanced Techniques for Laboratory Photography
PNWD-IAI Webinar. Erik Malz, 4 hrs.

05/2024 Crime Scene Photography
Tritech Forensics. Brett Doretti, 40 hrs.
Pocatello, ID

03/2024 Physical & Chemical Processing of Latent Print Evidence
Tritech Forensics. Jennifer J. Peterson, 40 hrs.
Kissimmee, FL

01/2024 Everything You Never Knew About Loops
PNWD-IAI Webinar. Mack Brazelle, 1 hr.

12/2023 Expert Witness Testimony Techniques for Laboratory Analysts
Ron Smith and Associates, Inc. John Black, 16 hrs.
Meridian, ID

12/2023 Courtroom Testimony Techniques – Success Instead of Survival
Ron Smith and Associates, Inc. John Black, 16 hrs.
Meridian, ID