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Intermediate Comparison of Friction Ridge Impressions - Workshop

Workshop Objective: To provide an increased understanding of friction ridge science with emphasis on locating, analyzing, comparing and evaluating latent fingerprints.

- This abbreviated 8-hour version (of the regular 32-hour course) is designed to assist forensic science professionals who are presently comparing friction ridge evidence, yet feel they could increase their skills and knowledge through participation in a formalized workshop.
- Discussion, lectures and practical exercises are among the techniques used to enhance the student's understanding of the identification methodology.
- From determining useful focal areas, to the friction ridge characteristics used to individualize (Levels II and III), each step of this workshop will enable the student to effectively analyze, compare and evaluate developed friction ridge evidence.

Workshop Need: This workshop focuses primarily on the use of several different practical exercises, each designed as a step-by-step process to increase the student's application of the identification methodology. In turn, this makes for a more efficient and accurate analyst. Additionally, this workshop supplements the International Association for Identification's *Friction Ridge Skin Identification Training Manual* (the goal and objectives of the Supervised Comparison Training, Sections C, D, E & F).

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