Introduction to Forensic Human Skeletal Identification

Program Description:

This hands-on workshop introduces and familiarizes students with forensic techniques used to identify and analyze human skeletal remains. Students will be instructed in the use of, and use precision forensic laboratory tools to determine the sex, height, race and approximate age of the skeleton at the time of death. The program introduces new terminology, and requires students to be comfortable with basic record keeping and the use of hand tools/instruments. This program is designed as an introductory orientation for individuals with no prior experience. Class size is limited to not less than 6 to no more than 12 participants.

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Recommended Reading for Post Program Follow-up or Interest:

Schwartz, Jeffrey H. Skeleton Keys: An Introduction to Human Skeletal Morphology, Development, and Analysis. New York: Oxford University Press, 1995.

Skinner, M. and Lazenby R. Found! Human Remains. A Field Manual for the Recovery of the Recent Human Skeleton. Burnaby: Arch Press, 1983.

Participants will:

- learn forensic science fundamentals
- gain an understanding on how an Incident Scene is managed to document and preserve evidence
- practice and conduct forensic analysis through hands on exercises
- be comfortable in the use of forensic laboratory tools/instruments
- be able to identify the major components of the human skeleton
- be able to determine the sex, height, race and approximate age of a human skeleton at the time of death
- receive a certificate of participation upon completion of the program with take home reference materials

Program Length:

4 hours

Program Cost:

$169.00