



## **NCSO 4-hour Coroner Course**

### **I. Course Goal**

1. This course will provide the learner with foundational knowledge in coroner law, death investigations, grief, and communicable diseases. It has been specifically designed for deputies at the Nevada County Sheriff's Office.

### **II. Course Learning Objectives**

1. Explain the legal responsibilities of medicolegal offices and death investigators.
2. Demonstrate an understanding of investigative challenges and needs in multiple types of cases.
3. Apply knowledge of medicolegal law and the medicolegal investigative role with case studies.
4. Analyze and discuss death investigation evidence recognition, collection, and documentation to assist with the cause of death, manner of death, and identification of the decedent.
5. Recognize injuries that occur with different case types.
6. Categorize causes and manners of death for different case types and scenarios.
7. Outline the required components of an investigative report and legal requirements for reporting.
8. Describe the steps, equipment, and experts needed to identify an unidentified decedent.
9. Identify how medicolegal investigators maintain personal safety and utilize resources to support emotional stability and wellness.
10. Discuss communication challenges in high stress and grieving situations and outline strategies to improve communication.

### **III. Format and Equipment**

1. The module format will be a combination of lecture-based presentation and interactive discussion. A PowerPoint-type deck will be used to present information, with portions of or the full presentation deck provided to students to assist with learning. The subsections of the laws and overarching themes may be condensed for time purposes, as long as the general ideas and themes are reviewed.