



# Defense Investigator Training Academy

*DITA IV – INVESTIGATIVE SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY*

**October 16-20, 2023**

***The Best Western Plus Island Palms Hotel***

***2051 Shelter Island Drive***

***San Diego, CA 92106***

## **COURSE SCHEDULE**

### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2023**

<b>7:30 – 8:00</b>	<b>REGISTRATION – THE GRAND MARINA ROOM</b>
<b>8:00 – 8:15</b>	<b>WELCOME</b>
<b>8:15 – 9:00</b>	<b>KEYNOTE SPEAKER - Kate Braner, San Diego County Public Defender</b>
<b>9:00 – 12:30</b>	<b>EVIDENCE COLLECTION</b> <b>ELISSA MAYO, ASSISTANT BUREAU DIRECTOR</b> <b>DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA</b>
<b>12:30 – 2:00</b>	<b>LUNCH -ON YOUR OWN</b>
<b>2:00 – 5:30</b>	<b>EVIDENCE COLLECTION – CONTINUED ELISSA MAYO</b>
<b>6:00-9:00</b>	<b>WELCOME DINNER– PROVIDED BY DITA</b>



**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023**

**8:00 – 11:00**

***HOMICIDE INVESTIGATIONS***

**STEVE EGUCHI, DETECTIVE II**

**ROBBERY HOMICIDE DIVISION, HOMICIDE SPECIAL SECTION  
LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**11:00-12:00**

***CRIME SCENE SKETCHING AND PHOTOGRAPHING***

**RON ITO, DETECTIVE III, RETIRED**

**ROBBERY HOMICIDE DIVISION  
LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**12:00 – 1:30**

**LUNCH - ON YOUR OWN**

**1:30 – 3:30**

***STRANGULATION / MEDICAL RECORDS***

**MERRIAM YOUNG, MS, RN, CCRN, TCRN**

**FORENSIC NURSE EXPERT  
GODOY MEDICAL FORENSICS**

**3:30 – 5:00**

***EVIDENCE DEMYSTIFIED***

**RON WEBER, ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER**

**TULARE COUNTY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER**



**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023**

**8:00 – 12:00**

***FORENSIC PATHOLOGY; INJURIES, WOUNDS, TOXICOLOGY***  
**STEVE CHAPMAN, MEDICAL EXAMINER**  
**SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CORONER'S OFFICE**

**12:00 – 1:15**

**LUNCH – ON YOUR OWN**

**1:15 – 3:30**

***CRIME SCENE DIAGRAMING***  
**NATE PARSONS, SERGEANT**  
**CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL**  
**VENTURA, CALIFORNIA**

**3:45 – 5:00**

***FIREARMS FAMILIARIZATION***  
**MICHAEL "SONNY" SONETHAVILAY, SENIOR INSPECTOR**  
**U. S. MARSHALS SERVICE, FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR**  
**PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCE**  
**MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA**



**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2023**

**8:00 – 8:30**

***CRIME SCENE CASE STUDY***

**8:30 – 1:30**

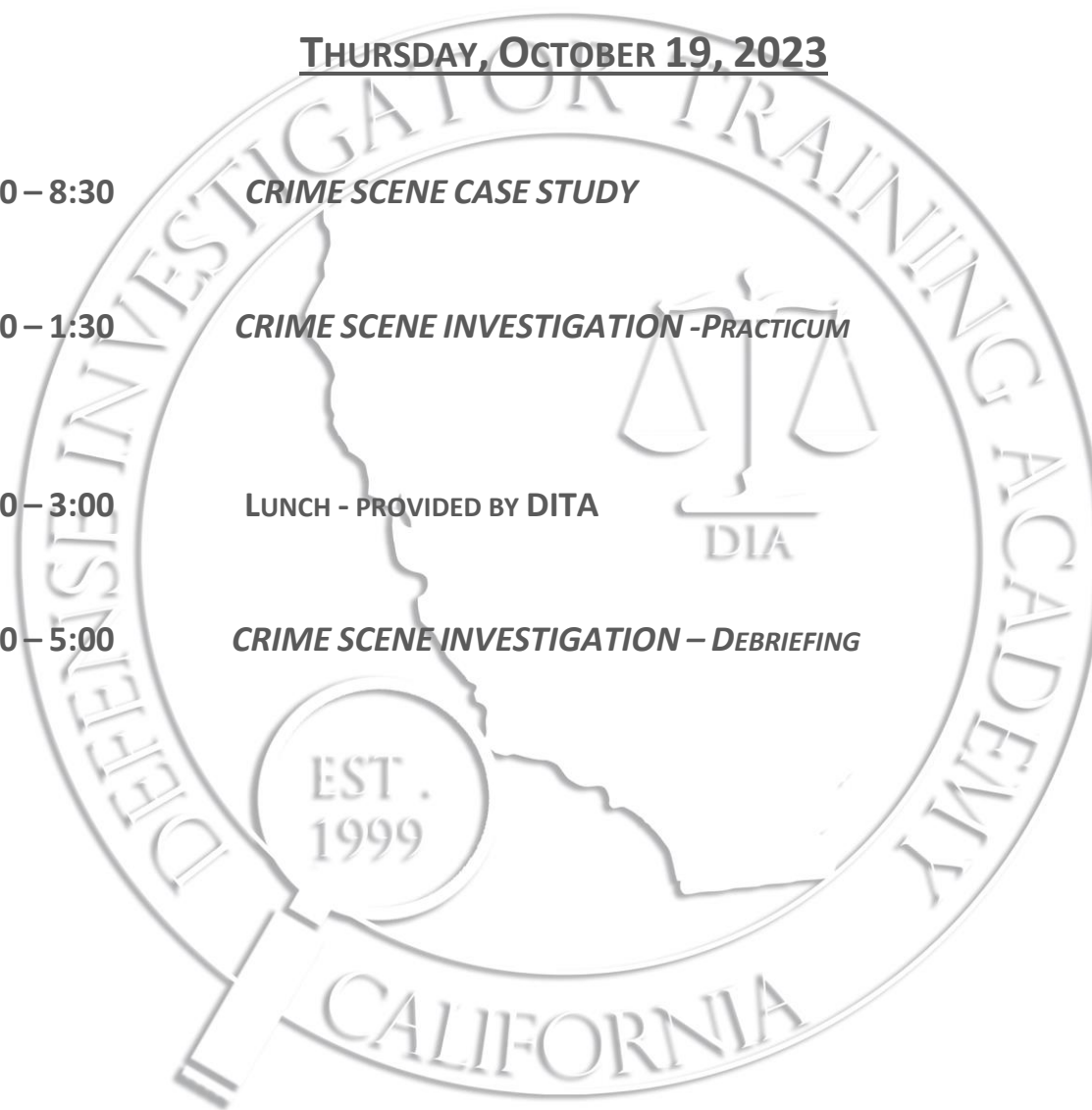
***CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION -PRACTICUM***

**1:30 – 3:00**

**LUNCH - PROVIDED BY DITA**

**3:00 – 5:00**

***CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION – DEBRIEFING***

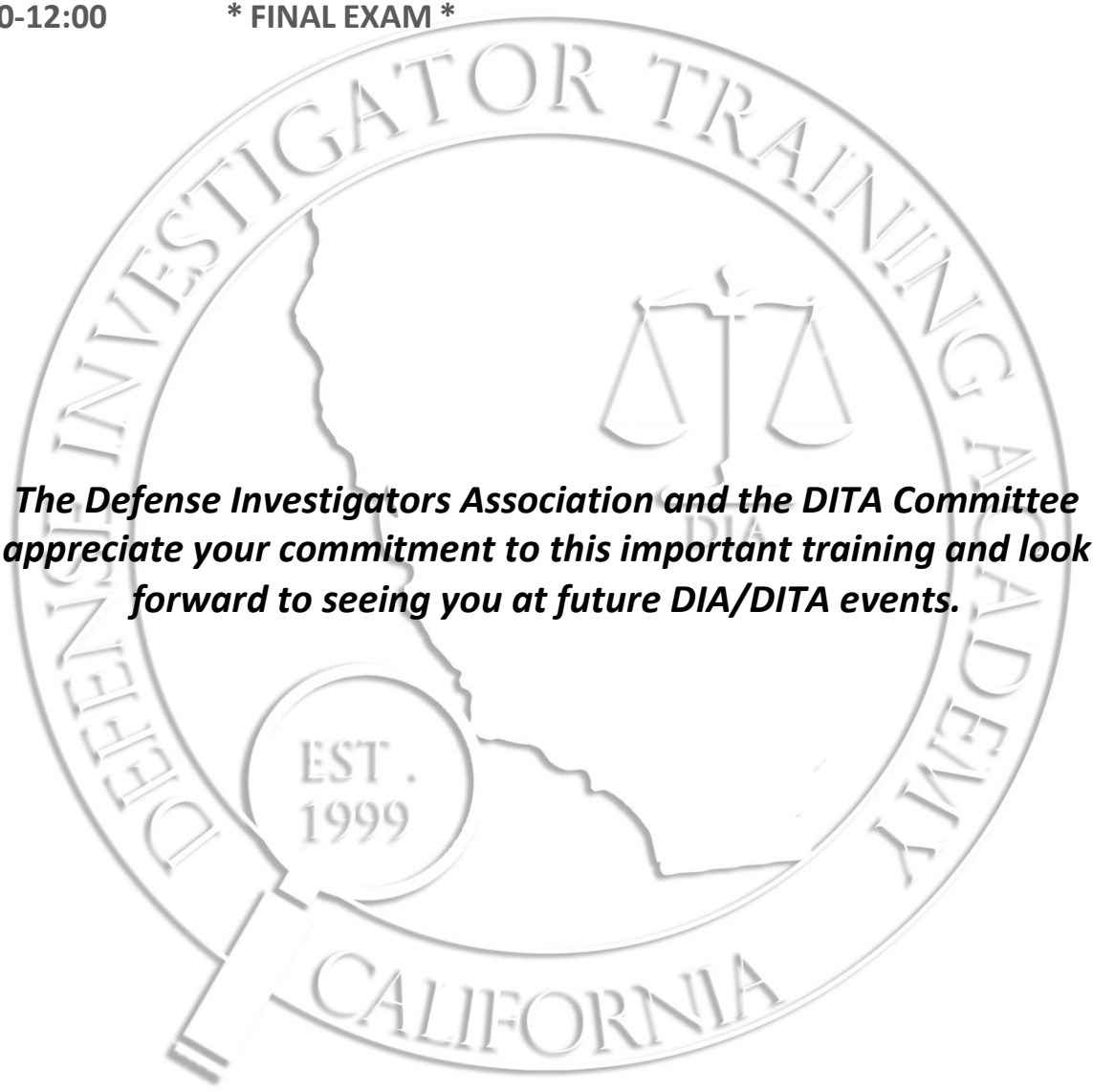




**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2023**

**8:00-12:00**

**\* FINAL EXAM \***



***The Defense Investigators Association and the DITA Committee appreciate your commitment to this important training and look forward to seeing you at future DIA/DITA events.***

***Ron Weber –DIA President and DITA Instructor of Record***

***Leticia Macias – DITA Co-Chair***

***Pascual Benitez – DITA Co-Chair***

***Krysta Rogala- DIA Secretary/Treasurer, Committee Member***

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