



Invaluable Training in beautiful San Luis Obispo, California

Come to beautiful San Luis Obispo for this one of a kind training opportunity and enjoy all the Central Coast has to offer. Visit Hearst Castle and the Pacific Ocean seen from historic State Route 1 (Pacific Coast Highway), tour local missions, taste the tantalizing barbecue, fresh fruits and vegetables at the local farmer's market, or take in some fresh seafood and clam chowder.

Enjoy local hiking trails, golfing, shopping, a variety of local wineries, and more.



REGISTRATION



COURSE REGISTRATION, PAYMENT, AND TAX FORMS

are located on the www.slofist.org website. For additional information, please contact:

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HOTEL RESERVATIONS can be made by opening the Embassy Suites web page for SLOFIST at www.slofist.org/hotel

Check-in: June 28, 2026, **Check-out:** July 3, 2026

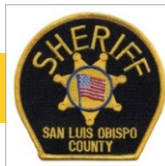
Hotel Name: Embassy Suites by Hilton San Luis Obispo,

Address: 333 Madonna Rd, San Luis Obispo, CA 93405

Phone Number: (805) 549-0800

A discounted block of reserved rooms is available

Contact the Embassy Suites Hotel directly at (805) 549-0800 and request additional rooms before or after the SLOFIST block if you wish to stay longer. SLOFIST provides lunches; Embassy Suites provides full continental breakfasts and a manager's reception in the evening.



FORENSIC FIRE DEATH INVESTIGATION COURSE

JUNE 29 - JULY 3, 2026



Presented by the
San Luis Obispo Fire
Investigation Strike Team Inc.

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FORENSIC FIRE DEATH INVESTIGATION COURSE

COURSE SCHEDULE: JUNE 29-JULY 3, 2026

The Forensic Fire Death Investigation Course (FFDIC) constitutes 40-hours of intensive focus on the further professional development of already seasoned fire and law enforcement investigators from the disciplines of Fire investigator, Detective, Coroner, Crime Scene Investigator, Homicide Investigator, Forensic Anthropologist and Medical Examiner. POST has certified the FFDIC. ABMDI credit is also available.

COURSE COMPOSITION

This thorough learning experience provides the essential knowledge and skills required to effectively assess and manage investigations of fire related death. Instructors emphasize a comprehensive understanding of how fire affects human decedents, through classroom didactics and field exercises. In the field teams of students investigate real fire death scenarios each incorporating at least one human decedent. Recognized experts active in this complex field of expertise guide every aspect of this effort.

Students learn and apply a diversity of approaches and methods for determining the cause of fire, manner of death, preservation and collection of evidence, and scene processing all specific to fire-death investigation.

COURSE PREREQUISITES & DISCLAIMER

The content of this course assumes a firm working knowledge in the areas of criminal investigations and/or fire investigation. Students integrated into interdisciplinary teams will process their assigned scene and present a PowerPoint presentation to the entire class and cadre detailing their findings. All attendees must be sponsored by their respective departments and be covered by a worker compensation insurance policy (or provide equivalent proof of medical insurance). ***This course is NOT an introductory fire investigation course.***

COURSE TUITION

\$2300 per participant

Checks and money orders preferred. Add 3.0%+\$36 for all credit card orders. Cancellations after May 31, 2026, will result in the assessment of a non-refundable \$200 administrative fee.

REIMBURSEMENT

This course is California POST Plan IV Certified (Control Number 2440-30183-21001). Thus, California POST will reimburse California POST qualified agencies for subsistence, commuter lunch, and travel.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

The FFDIC is approved for providing Medical Continuing Units for attending this course. Twelve CE's will be issued to EMTs and Paramedics by San Luis Obispo County EMS Agency, CA EMS Provider #40-0001.

COURSE LOCATION

The classroom portion of this course is held at the Embassy Suites Embassy Suites San Luis Obispo 333 Madonna Road San Luis Obispo, CA. 93405. Please refer to the website for maps, directions, airport locations, and other local information. Field work will be conducted at nearby California Army National Guard Base Camp San Luis Obispo, 1666 Tehama Ave. San Luis Obispo, CA 93405, approximately 15 miles from the hotel.

EQUIPMENT

Students must bring their own standard field equipment, PPE and field apparel as per your agency's protocol for investigating a fatal fire. ***Laptop computers are required as all training materials and handouts will be provided on the SLO FIST Inc. website: www.slofist.org.*** SLO FIST Inc. will have shirts and hats available for purchase.



Class Size IS Limited!

This course is limited to 60 students, 20 law enforcement, 20 fire investigators and 20 Coroner/ME investigators from the following disciplines:

Detectives
Fire Investigators
Coroner Investigators
CSI/Homicide Investigators
Medical Examiners

Attendance By Reservation Only