21st Annual
MEDICO LEGAL
DEATH AND HOMICIDE
INVESTIGATION
CONFERENCE
August 12 - August 14, 2014
Collinsville, Illinois

Sponsored by the
Illinois Coroners
and Medical Examiners Association
RANDY DUDENBOSTEL, PRESIDENT

Registration for this conference is restricted
to law enforcement personnel.
It is with great enthusiasm that we announce the upcoming presentation of 
the Twenty First Annual Medicolegal Death And Homicide Investigation 
Conference, to be held August 12 to August 14, 2014 in Collinsville, Illinois. 
For the law enforcement professional, medical examiner, coroner or anyone 
involved in the investigation of death from a legal, medical or scientific perspective, 
MDHIC 2014 promises to be the premier venue for the advanced training this 
year. A glance at the attendees will attest, participants of this annual gathering 
gain substantial new capabilities offered by the very best in our field. This 
conference has become a great place to learn, network and socialize with 
professionals from all across the country. We invite you to join us.
As always, we’ll do everything we can do to make your attendance both 
comfortable and worthwhile. Thank you for your continued interest 
and participation.

Lynn Reed, F-ABMDI  
Coroner of Moultrie County  
Director of Training  
Illinois Coroners and 
Medical Examiners Association

David Reed  F-ABMDI  
Chief Deputy Coroner 
of Moultrie County  
Course Coordinator  
I.C.M.E.A.

Conference Data

Location: The program will be held at the Doubletree Collinsville Hotel 1000 
Eastport Plaza Drive, Collinsville, Illinois, conveniently located at I-55/70 at Ill 
157 (exit 11) and just 30 minutes from St. Louis Lambert International Airport.

Lodging: A block of rooms has been reserved at the Doubletree Collinsville 
Hotel in Collinsville, Illinois until July 18, 2014, with special conference rates 
of $70.00 plus tax, single or double occupancy. Telephone for reservations at 
1-618-345-2800. The Doubletree Collinsville Hotel has complimentary high 
speed internet access, features cordless phone, voice mail, 24 hour business 
center, along with heated indoor pool, state of the art Precor® Fitness center, 
gift shop, complimentary parking and in-room dining. Everything you need to 
relax.

Points of Interest: Casino Queen, The President Casino and The Alton Belle 
Casinos, Fairmont Park, Thoroughbred Race Track, 10 miles to St. Clair 
Square Shopping Mall, 13 miles to St. Louis Union Station, 10 minutes to the 
Gateway Arch and LaClede’s Landing.
Conference Agenda

Monday (evening)
August 11th
5:00-7:00 p.m. Early Registration

Tuesday, August 12th

~ Tom Martin ~
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  Death Scene Investigations - Introduction
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Death Scene Investigations - Goals and Objectives
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Investigating Self-Inflicted Deaths
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lunch (on your own)
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  Relationship of Statements to Physical Evidence
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Identifying Gunshot Wounds: Contact, Intermediate, Distance
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Murder as an Action

Wednesday, August 13th

~ Mike J. Coker, Sgt. (Retired) ~
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Introduction
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Nature and Scope Of The Problem
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Personality Traits Of The Victims
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lunch (On Your Own)
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. The Domestic Homicide Scene
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. The Domestic Homicide Investigation Legal Issues

Thursday, August 14th

~ James Claude Upshaw Downs, M.D. ~
8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Overview of Death Investigation Systems
8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. General Wound Overview
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Asphyxia
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Postmortem Toxicology
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lunch (on your own)
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Child Deaths
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Special Cases
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Case Discussion/ Interaction
4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Conclusion
Michael J. Coker Sergeant (retired)

Michael is a motivational speaker in the field of Leadership and Domestic Violence. Investigations. Michael served as a police officer for 20 years in the Portsmouth Police Department, Portsmouth, Virginia. During his career he accepted various assignments in Uniform Patrol and Investigations. Michael supervised several units during his tenure: Homicide and Robbery, Domestic Violence/Sex Crimes Unit, Robbery Task Force Squad Commander and Shift Commander. Mike is a lifetime member of the Federal Order of Police Grape Leaf Lodge 120, Portsmouth, VA. Michael's lecturing and teaching experience includes: Indiana Chapter of the FBI National Academy Alumni Association Conference, Executive Staff Management Team Sharonville, Ohio, Polaroid Corporation; Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services; Illinois State Police, United States Postal Service, U.S. Attorney's Office Northern Mississippi District, Birmingham Alabama Police Department, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police, Idaho POST, Idaho Governor's Task Force, Suffolk County Long Island New York, Virginia Juvenile Court Judges, Texas POST, University of Delaware, Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy, Hampton Roads Academy of Criminal Justice Services, Eastern Virginia Medical School, and the United States Virgin Island Police to name just a few. A past Board of Director of Help Emergency Response (HER), a Batteried Women Shelter in Portsmouth, Virginia. Michael is a frequent guest at the Western States Training Conference, Las Vegas Nevada, Miami-Dade Police Department, Delaware State Police Homicide Conference, New York State Police Henry F. Williams Conference. Graduate 2009 PLP class of the Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership at the University of Virginia.

James Claude Upshaw Downs, M.D.

James Claude Upshaw Downs, a coastal Georgia’s first Regional Medical Examiner. He has been continuously employed as a Medical Examiner since 1989 and was Alabama’s State Forensic Director and Chief Medical Examiner from 1996 to 2002. He has lectured extensively in the field of forensic pathology and has presented at numerous national and international meetings in the fields of anatomic and forensic pathology. He is a consultant to the FBI Behavioral Science Unit in Quantico, Virginia, having authored four chapters in their manual on Managing Death Investigation Trauma Atlas. He has authored several books and chapters in the field of forensic pathology and child abuse, including: Abuse Head Trauma in Infants and Children; A Medical, Legal & Forensic Reference with CD-ROM (currently in press) and Child Fatality Review: A Clinical Guide and A Color Atlas (currently in development). He lectures regularly at the National Forensic Academy and at the FBI’s National Academy. Areas of special interest include child abuse and police use of force. Professional activities have included service on numerous professional boards and committees. He has testified in numerous state and federal courts, as well as before committees of the United States Senate and House of Representatives. He is on the Board of Advisors for the Law Enforcement Innovation Center at the University of Tennessee and the Board of Directors of the National Association of Medical Examiners. He graduated from the University of Georgia in 1983, magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa. He completed Peace Officers Standards and Training at the Southeast Alabama Police Academy, where he distinguished himself as class president and top academic student. He serves on the Forensic Committee of the International Association of Chiefs of Police. He received his doctor of medicine degree and his residency training in anatomic and clinical pathology, and his fellowship in forensic pathology from the Medical University of South Carolina (Charleston). He is board certified in anatomic, clinical, and forensic pathology.

Tom Martin

Tom Martin began his law enforcement career in 1985 as a uniformed New York State Trooper, and began his forensic career in 1989 as a crime scene field technician. For nearly his entire career, Tom was assigned to the NYSF Forensic Identification Unit in Poughkeepsie, and supervised that unit for 14 years before retiring from that position in October 2010. Tom regularly provides expert forensic testimony in various state and federal courts.

Tom’s training and experience encompass several fields of expertise, including: forensic crime scene processing, latent print processing and identification, blood stain pattern analysis and documentation, shooting reconstruction, police involved shooting scenes, forensic composite art, evocation of human remains, forensic entomology collection, digital imaging technology and photo enhancement.

Tom has investigated thousands of forensic cases, including: murder, serial and mass murders, police involved shootings, bombings, and serial assaults. He worked at ground zero at the World Trade Center disaster and assisted with the anthrax testing and removal from the New York State government offices in 2001.

Tom has a B.S. degree in Criminal Justice and serves as a guest lecturer at colleges and universities nation wide. In addition to his lectures, Tom has worked as a consultant for entities such as the national Institute of Justice. He has appeared on Court TV/TruTV as an expert guest analyst and has appeared on the Law Enforcement Television Network (LETN) – “Child Abuse/Child Morder”, the HBO
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*There will be two raffles conducted at the end of the day on Thursday, to win your choice of the following: Glock Model 26 (9 mm) Semiautomatic handgun or Glock Model 27 (40 cal) Semiautomatic handgun or $400.00 cash.

**Raffle #1**

Every paid registration will be entered into a drawing to win your choice of either the Glock Model 26 (9 mm), the Glock Model 27 (40 cal) or $400.00 cash.

Must be present to win.

**Raffle #2**

Raffle tickets will be offered during the conference at $5.00 per single ticket or $25.00 for six tickets to be eligible to win the Glock Model 26 (9 mm), the Glock Model 27 (40 cal), or $400.00 cash. Raffle will be held after raffle #1. **You do not need to be present to win.**

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Continuing Education Credits: 21 hours for Tuesday thru Thursday will be allowed for Illinois coroners, sheriffs, Indiana law enforcement, coroner personnel, ABMDI and Illinois Lead Homicide Investigator Re-Certification Training. Also, all approved for EMT-A; EMT-I; Field RN/MICN credits.