



CENTRAL VIRGINIA CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY Training Announcement



TITLE: **Three Day Basic Tracking Class for
Law Enforcement-The Science of
Visual Tracking**

LOCATION: Class begins at 0800 on May 14th-classroom will be at the Nelson County Public Library, 8521 Thomas Nelson Hwy, Lovingston, VA 22949. Once at the classroom-we will get you to the practical training site.

DATE/TIME: **May 14-16, 2024**

DESCRIPTION: The objective of this three-day class is to introduce officers to the value and application of visual tracking skills in daily operations. The value of foot impression evidence and its preservation. We accomplish this by giving the officers two days of individual tracking skills that may be applied to daily investigations. Then one day of applying their learned skills on scenarios by the instructors. Each student will be assigned to an investigation team, then a follow-up team and then a back-tracking team. Officers will acquire confidence in their observation and interpretation skills. The tactics learned will improve their overall performance to process tracks and sign efficiently during

investigations and searches for subjects and evidence.

PREREQUISITES: None-must be physically able to walk/track long distances in rough terrain. Students will need field gear for all 3 days of training.

REGISTRATION: Individuals wishing to reserve a slot in this course must submit a student enrollment form. Only 18 slots available.

CONTACT: For additional information, telephone Ron Staton at the Central Virginia Criminal Justice Academy (434) 455-6188.

CREDITS: 24 Hours of Career Dev.

Day 1

Class room

- 0800 0830 Introductions, Briefing on the class objectives / expectations.
- 0830 0930 Review the different values of visual tracking in today's world.
Along with case reviews of actual applications
- 0930 1100 Review basic elements of visual tracking, tactics, Key sign for different mediums and seasons, processing visual stimuli, how to use light to your benefit.
- 1100 1200 Review the role tracking evidence had in The Kaloski Murder and Yosemite Murders

Field

- 1300 1430 Elements of information to enhance searches for people. Interpreting tracks and track lines. Everything you can gather from tracks and sign on the ground from counting the number of persons involved, to tactical movement, dwell time, speed of movement. furtive movement, identifying characteristics of individuals, carrying weight, and lots more.
- 1430 1600 Micro tracking exercise/step by step, finding every track in various mediums.
- 1600 1700 Squares exercise – locating tracks and numbers of track lines and establishing direction of travel, in various mediums.
Debriefing

Day 2

Field

- 0800 1200 Lost Spoor procedures & Tracking exercises through various mediums
- 1300 1500 Back Tracking exercises for gathering intel and recover evidence.
- 1500 1600 Ageing tracks
- 1600 1700 Processing Track Evidence

Debriefing

Day 3

Field

- 0800 1000 Scenario 1
Students will respond to a crime scene and be broken into three units: a crime scene investigation, a forward tracking team to apprehend suspects, a back tracking team to gather additional intelligence and evidence.
A similar scenario will be repeated two more times so each student can participate on the evidence team, forward tracking, and back tracking team.
- 1000 1200 Scenario 2
- 1300 1500 Scenario 3
- 1500 1700 Tips on anti-tracking techniques to aid in surveillance in remote areas, placing remote cameras etc.
Debriefing the entire class
Certificates