

BOOK REVIEW

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A Review of Guideline for In-Service Training of Forensic Scientists

REFERENCE: Southern Association of Forensic Scientists, *Guideline for In-Service Training of Forensic Scientists*, 1975, 232 pp., \$12.50, available from Travis E. Owen, Director, Acadiana Criminalistic Laboratory, P.O. Box 643, New Iberna, La. 70560.

Guideline for In-Service Training of Forensic Scientists is a most welcome and valuable asset to the forensic scientist and the forensic science community. This manual is a guideline for detailed training programs in the areas of drug identification, firearms and toolmark examination, document examination, forensic serology, trace evidence examination, and forensic toxicology. Using a "teaching guide" format, the manual gives a thorough guideline for a training program for each of the mentioned areas. Included in each area guideline are program curriculum, minimal prerequisite evaluations, and numerous references and case studies. The manual will provide non-scientific administrators with basic ideas of a forensic science training program, and by its evaluations, curricula, and requirements, it will provide the forensic science community with a standard of professionalism and qualifications for an expert witness in the courtroom.

The manual is a loose-leaf notebook that can be amended or updated with a minimum of effort. This written guideline is an important tool in advancing accurate and expeditious scientific assistance to the criminal justice system, including both scientist and nonscientist in the forensic science field; it also makes a significant contribution to forensic science programs.

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