



Basic Police Photography

DATES:

November 3-4, 2026

TIME:

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

COST:

\$140

LOCATION:

WCTC
800 Main Street
Pewaukee WI 53072

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"This class covered many important topics that apply in the field. The instructor made sure everyone had time to practice hands on and get the skills down and covered!"

"Extremely informative about the basic functions of cameras and how to use them. I learned a great deal that I did not know."

Attendees May 2026

**Don't miss the
Intermediate Nighttime
Police Photography class
on November 17th!**

This hands-on course is designed for police personnel tasked with photographing crime scenes and physical evidence. Attendees will be taught skills to properly document a variety of crime scenes. This class is focused on those with little to no experience using a camera or knowledge in photography. It would also serve as a review for those that have a fundamental understanding of manual functions, shutter speeds and f-stops.

In this course, officers will learn:

- How to maximize camera functions
- Procedures for photographing in different lighting conditions
- A variety of painting with light techniques
- How to use external flash
- Techniques for both 2D and 3D footwear impressions
- Implementation of scale to properly document evidence
- How to photograph fingerprints on various surfaces
- Best practices for photographing crime scenes and evidence

Equipment needed:

- DSLR or mirrorless camera (batteries or charging cord)
- Blank camera card
- Tripod
- External flash (batteries)
- Off-camera flash cord
- Flashlight (extra batteries or charger)
- Macro lens
- Cable release or manufacturer app on phone that can connect to camera
- Camera manual (if lost, most manuals can be found on manufacturer's website)

**Point and shoot cameras may be used, however, students utilizing cameras with no manual options may not be able to fully participate in some aspects of the class.*

Instructor:

James Armstrong is a Senior Forensic Imaging Specialist with the Wisconsin State Crime Lab (WSCL) and member of the Crime Scene Response Team. James has also worked in commercial photography both as an in-house photographer and freelancer.

