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The goal of this presentation is to educate the general public of the courses available in the forensic arena. The National Forensic Academy is an intensive 10-week training program designed to meet the needs of law enforcement agencies in the areas of evidence identification, collection, and preservation. The goal of the academy is to prepare the forensic practitioner to recognize key elements at a crime scene and to improve the process of evidence recovery. Participants are challenged in over 25 disciplines through classroom instruction, lab activities, and field practicums. Investigative scenarios include, but are not limited to, burned houses and buildings, exploded vehicles, and an in-depth study of forensic anthropological techniques in conjunction with the University of Tennessee's Forensic Anthropological Research Facility. Access to this unique facility allows students to study human decomposition, utilize anthropological and archaeological skills to excavate clandestine graves, recover surface scattered human remains, and perform TSD techniques used at crime scenes. Classroom activities in this discipline will instruct students in basic skills necessary to identify skeletal elements and evaluate bone trauma. The entire academy consists of over 400 hours of training, 170 hours of in-class work, and over 220 hours of field practicum.

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