



## Questioned Documents Section – 2008

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### **J22 Is Formal Training Important?**

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This presentation will examine learning styles, educational methods, and training systems within scholastic thought and custom. Training practices within the forensic document profession will be discussed and contrasted with other disciplines within forensic science and other professions within society. The development of training standards in Scientific Working Groups will be reviewed, as well as research demonstrating what produces top-level performance and leads to the acknowledgment of one as having expertise.

This presentation will impact the forensic community by promoting understanding as to training practices that will assist in producing expertise. It will also serve to produce boundaries as to practices that lead to unreliable experts.

**Training, Forensic Document Examination, Expertise**