

## **Jurisprudence Section – 2010**

## E4 FBI Evidence Response Team

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After attending this presentation, attendees will have a better understanding of how the FBI handles crime scene investigation and mass fatalities.

This presentation will impact forensic science by disseminating important information on the abilities, and limits of the FBI's Evidence Response Teams.

The FBI Evidence Response Team does both crime scene investigation and mass fatality operations. The program consists of ERTs in all 56 FBI field offices. These highly-trained and equipped teams, totaling about 1,200 personnel, operate at a high level of competence to ensure evidence is collected in such a manner that it can be introduced in courts throughout the United States and the world. ERT's strive to be the model for crime scene processing from the standpoint of safety, expertise, training, equipment, and ability.

This presentation will provide an overview of the program from a national perspective. It will also discuss the latest technical advances in crime scene operations. One or more major cases will be presented as a teaching tool, illustrating the capabilities of the FBI Evidence Response Team. Lawyers will learn what evidence can reasonably be expected to be obtained - and the limits of the sciences.

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