

## Speaker information

**Dr. Jason Byrd, Ph.D** is a Board Certified Forensic Entomologist and Educational Program Director with the William R. Maples Center for Forensic Medicine, Department of Pathology, Immunology and Laboratory Medicine, University of Florida, College of Medicine. Dr. Byrd specializes in developing educational tools and workshops for medical examiners, attorneys, judges, and law enforcement personnel. He is a certified law enforcement instructor, and he is instructional faculty with the Virginia Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine in Richmond, Virginia.

**Melinda D. Merck, D.V.M.,** joined the ASPCA in 2007 as a Forensic Veterinarian with the organization's Anticruelty Initiatives. In 2008, she was promoted to Senior Director of Veterinary Forensics. Dr. Merck is the author of the textbook, "Veterinary Forensics: Animal Cruelty Investigation," by Blackwell Publishing and the co-author of the book "[Veterinary Forensic Investigation of Animal Cruelty: A Guide for Veterinarians and Law Enforcement](#)." She frequently provides training for veterinary and law enforcement professionals nationwide on the use of veterinary medical knowledge in the investigation and prosecution of animal cruelty cases.

## Lodging

Fairfield Inn-Overland Park will be providing rooms with 2 double-beds for \$89 per night. Be sure to tell them you are attending the training to get the special rates. Contact information for Fairfield Inn: 12440 Blue Valley Pky, Overland Park, KS 66213 **(913) 338-3600**. The hotel is conveniently located across from the Sanders Police Station.

## Training location

Overland Park Police Sanders Station, Training Room A: 12400 Foster, Overland Park, KS 66213

Field Practical location to be announced in class.

### ***Overland Park Police Dept.***

Attn: Eric Thompson  
8500 Antioch  
Overland Park, KS 66212

Phone: (913) 895-6279  
Fax: (913) 890-1279

# Clandestine Gravesites:

FORENSIC ANALYSIS FOR ANIMAL CRUELTY AND HUMAN INVESTIGATIONS

## DATE:

Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>, 2009

## Fee:

\$150.00

## Location:

Overland Park Sanders Police Station  
Overland Park, Kansas

## Hosted by:

**Overland Park Police**

## Sponsored by:

**Bayer ResQ Pet Identification Systems**  
and  
**Missouri Animal Control Association**

## Course Information

**Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> /15th, 2009**

0830-0900: Sign in at Sanders Station

0900-1200: Lecture in training room A

1200-1300: Lunch provided

1330-1700: Field practical for entomology, mapping of skeletal elements and basic evidence procedure (dress accordingly for outside activities and weather conditions)

## Registration information

EERU Training Division will be handling all registration fees in addition to purchasing supplies needed for the class. Since demand for this class is high, the first 36 participants need to pre-register their name with Eric Thompson, and then make payment to EERU by Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 to hold their spot. Failure to pay fees by Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> will result in the pre-registration to be cancelled and offered to the next person on the waiting list.

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Overland Park, KS 66212  
Phone: (913) 895-6279 or

(913) 909-9601

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Email:eric.thompson@opkansas.org

## Course Objectives

This course is designed to demonstrate the proper scene processing techniques for the detection and recovery of physical evidence from cases of animal neglect, cruelty, and death. Students will get hands-on experience in the excavation of a gravesite and exhumation of buried remains. Emphasis will be placed on the collection of associated physical evidence from the crime scene in addition to use of forensic entomology in animal and human investigations.

The student will be expected to implement those techniques throughout the excavation process.

### Who should attend?

This workshop is designed to benefit Animal Control Officers, Police Officers, Veterinarians, Detectives, Evidence Technicians, Prosecutors, Wildlife Officers, or anyone involved with the investigations and prosecution of animal-related or death investigation cases.

## Registration Form:

### Clandestine Gravesites

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payments by Mail:** Please make checks/purchase orders out to: **EERU**. Total: \$150

Mail this form to: EERU, Attn: Training Division, 33445 w 87<sup>th</sup> Terrace, De Soto, KS 66018.

Payment must be received by August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 to hold your participation in the class. Failure to provide payment by Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 date will delete your pre-registration and the next person on the waiting list will be issued the registration position. No refunds after Sept. 1, 2009

**\*Please notify Eric Thompson of any special dietary needs for the lunches provided.**